MINUTES

OF

Seventy-Fifth Annual Convention

OF

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

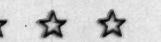
OF

NEBRASKA

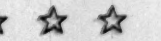
OF

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

April 14, 15, 16, 1947



Held in Salem Lutheran Church
Fremont, Nebraska
The Rev. F. W. Kern, Pastor



The Lutheran Brotherhood

30th Annual Convention

APRIL 16th, 1947

DIRECTORY

Officers

PRESIDENT (1946-1949) Rev. J. C. Hershey, D.D., 1138 North Broad Street, Fremont, Nebraska.

VICE-PRESIDENT (1947-1948) Rev. C. B. Harman, D.D., 225 E. Ashton Ave., Grand Island, Nebraska

SECRETARY (1947-1948) Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt, 419 Pearl Street Wayne, Nebraska

TREASURER (1947-1948) Mr. F. E. Wood, 736 East Military Ave. Fremont, Nebraska

STATISTICIAN (1947-1948) Rev. R. V. Davis, 406 South 9th Street, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

HISTORIAN (1947-1948) Rev. L. H. Lesher, D.D., 847 South 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive

The President of the Synod ---------- 1946-1949
The Secretary of Synod ---------- 1947-1948
Mr. Walter Kuenning, Auburn, Nebraska ---------- 1945-1948
Rev. W. A. Klink, D.D., West Point, Nebr. ---------- 1946-1949
Mr. A. T. Yost, North Platte, Nebraska ---------- 1946-1949
Rev. W. H. Traub, D.D., LLD., 2602 Farnam St., Omaha -- 1947-1950
Mr. W. A. Heuer, 3215 Poppleton Ave., Omaha, Nebr. ---- 1947-1950

Examining

Rev. W. F. Most ------ 1945-1948
Rev. F. W. Kern ------ 1945-1948
Rev. H. C. Cordts ---- 1946-1949
Rev. A. W. Young ---- 1946-1949
Rev. C. B. Harman, D.D., ---------- 1947-1950
Rev. W. C. Heidenreich 1947-1950
Rev. J. E. Messer ---- 1947-1950

Ministerial and Deaconess Education

Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, Rev. L. H. Lesher, D.D., Rev. J. C. Miller, Rev. George Krebs and Rev. K. Gigstad.

Missionary

President J. C. Hershey and Secretary T. J. C. Schuldt, ex-officio. Rev. L. H. Lesher, D.D., Rev. A. H Pinkall, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D.D., Mr. Otto Nelson, Mrs. S. A. Wassum, Mr. Paul Palmquist.

New Congregations and Pastoral Charges

Rev. E. C. Mortensen, -- 1945-1948 Rev. Paul de Freese -- 1946-1949
Rev. H. C. Monnich -- 1947-1950

Parish Life and Work

Rev. Paul Wiegman, Chmn.; Church Schools, Rev. H. J. Goede, Chmn., Rev. John Shiery, Rev. Robert Shirck, Rev. Raymond Bartels; Wo-

men of the Church: Rev. F. W. Kern, Chmn.; Men of the Church, Rev. A. H. Pinkall. Chmn.; Youth of the Church, Rev. Paul de Freese, Chmn.; Children of the Church, Miss Amanda Jorn, Chmn.

Protocol

Rev. J. B. Rupley, jr., Rev. John Shirck Rev. Harvey Clark

Reference and Counsel

Rev. Robert Shirck Rev. Raymond Bartels Rev. M. L. Dolbeer, jr.

Stewardship

Rev. W. A. Klink, D.D., Chmn., Rev. A. W. Young, Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Mr. F. E. Wood, Mr.Ben Meyer, Mr. Walter Kuenning.

Synodical Paper

President of Synod and Conference Presidents.

Trustees of Midland College

President J. C. Hershey, ex-officio
Rev. J. E. Rupley, D.D., ---- 1945-1948
Mr. S. A. Wassum ---- 1945-1948
Rev. A. H. Pinkall ---- 1946-1949
Mr. A. E. Hecker ---- 1946-1949

Trustees of Tabitha Home

Rev. L. H. Lesher, D.D., ---- 1946-1949
Mr. Elmer C. Strom ---- 1946-1949
Mr. O. L. Sturtevant ---- 1947-1950

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Adjudication

Rev. W. H. Traub, D.D., LL.D.; Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D.D.; Mr. H. G. Wellensieck, Esq. (St. Paul's, Grand Island)

Church Music

Rev. M. L. Dolbeer, jr. Rev. H. J. Goede Rev. W. F. Most

Election Chairman

Rev. John H. M. Shiery

Social Missions

Rev. F. W. Henkel
Rev. J. C. Miller
Rev. Paul de Freese
Rev. F. L. Cress
Rev. H. C. Cordts
Mr. O. L. Sturtevant

Foreign Missions

Rev. H. Dumler
Rev. John Jacobs
Rev. R. R. Pfeiffer
Mr. O. L. Sturevant
Rev. R. V. Davis
Mr. A. T. Yost

Ministerial Pensions and Relief

Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Chm. Rev. K. Gigstad
Rev. H. Joens Rev. P. O. Anderson
Rev. E. Switzer

Students in Non-Lutheran Schools

Rev. L. H. Lesher, D.D. Chmn. Rev. F. W. Henkel Rev. H. J. Goede
Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt

Promoting Subscriptions to the Lutheran

Rev. Erich Petersen

Reporter to the Lutheran

Rev. Paul Wiegman

Committee on Publications

Rev. Carl J. Olson Rev. Robert Shirck Rev. Kendig Camp

Committee to Investigate Possibility of Synod-owned Camp

Rev. F. W. Henkel, Chmn.; Mr. John Diestel, Salem, Fremont; Mr W. H. Hasebroock, Grace, West Point.

Committee to Investigate Possibility of Group Insurance

Mr. Paul Palmquist, Kountze Memorial, Omaha; Mr. James Petit, St. Luke, Omaha.

Committee on Church Polity

Rev. A. W. Young, Chmn., Rev. Fred Kern, Rev. J. B. Rupley, D.D.

Committee on Separation of Western Seminary

President J. C. Hershey, Rev. J. B. Rupley, D.D., Rev. A. H. Pinkall

Committee on Constitution

President J. C. Hershey, ex-officio, Chmn., Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D.D., Rev. J. B. Rupley, D.D., Mr. H. G. Wellensiek, Esq.

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ROLL OF SYNOD

Pastor	Address	Year Ordained	Ent. Synod	Parish	Delegate
Anderson, P. O.,	Spencer, Nebr.	1945	1944	United, Spencer	
*Baltzly, O. D.,	Ph. D. D.D., LL.D., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1896	1911	Pastor Emeritus, Kountze Memorial, Omaha	
Bartels, Raymond,	Broadwater	1946	1945	Messiah, Broadwater	Edwin Spencer
				Grace, Gurley	Harold Borges
				Trinity, Dalton	
***Beck, Walter H.	S.T.M., Ed.D., Midland College, Fremont	1922	1946	Professor at Midland College	
Clark, Harvey,	7103 Mine Lusa Ave., Omaha	1935	1947	Redeemer, Omaha	Wm. F. Kedde
Cordts, H. C.,	304 W. 20th, Falls City	1926	1925	St. Paul's Falls City	Albert J. Gruber
Cress, F. L.,	Allen	1928	1936	First, Allen	
Davis, R. V.,	406 So. 9th, Nebraska City	1930	1929	First, Nebraska City	Louis Rodenbrock*
*Daubenspeck, W.	M	1929	1929	Chaplain, U. S. A.	
de Freese, P.,	Hooper	1943	1942	Grace, Hooper	A. R. Kuhlman***
Delo, F. S.,	1024 S. 9th St., Lincoln	1894	1938	Retired	
Dolbeer, Martin L., Jr.,	2602 Farnam, Omaha	1915	1945	Ass't Pastor Kountze Memorial, Omaha	
*Dorner, E. A.		1929	1929	Chaplain, U. S. A.	
Dumler, H.,	Davenport	1926	1925	Christ, Davenport	Troy Berkey
Estrada, D.,	So. America	1931	1931	Missionary	
Frederick, P. W. H.,	D.D., 1653 N. Colson, Fremont	1900	1931	Professor at Western Seminary	
Gigstad, K.,	Leigh, Nebr.	1941	1940	St. John's, Leigh	Otto Muhle*
Goede, H. J.	1317 S 26th St., Omaha	1930	1938	Grace, Omaha	
Guss, W. I.,	D.D., 127 N. 40, Omaha 3	1899	1919	Retired	
Harman, C. B.,	D.D., 225 E. Ashton, Grand Island	1900	1909	Retired	
***Hartwig, G. H.,	625 N. Clarkson, Fremont	1901	1941	Professor at Midland College	
Heidenreich, W. C.,	Oskosh	1906	1928	St. Mark's Oshkosh	C. G. erguist*
				Grace, Lewellen	Harry Tilgner*
Henkel, F. W.,	Auburn	1926	1938	St. Paul's Auburn	W. W. Kuenning
Hershey, J. C.,	D.D., 1138 N. Broad. Fremont	1917	1917	President of Synod	
Hieronymus, W. P.,	Ph.D., Fremont	1921	1946	President of Midland College	
*Holz, Wm. A.,	South America	1931	1931	Missionary	
Jacobs, John,	Scribner	1946	1946	United, Scribner	Edgar Havekost***
				Emmanuel, Snyder	
Joens, H.,	Dakota City	1929	1929	Salem, Dakota City	George Bartels*
*Kahse, W. T.,	D.D., 1909 East Main, Enid, Oklahoma	1905	1912	Retired	
Kern, F. W.,	325 E. 10th, Fremont	1927	1946	Salem, Fremont	Frank J. Brazda
Klink, W. A.,	D.D., West Point	1917	1917	Grace, West Point	Carl Weitzenkamp
***Krebs, George P.,	1425 E. Military, Fremont	1934	1946	Field Secretary, Midland College	
*Leamer, J. S.	D.D., 3404 17th, Columbus	1895	1940	Retired	
Lesher, L. H.,	D.D., 847 S. 14th, Lincoln	1921	1939	Grace, Lincoln	D L. Tyrrell
*Magalee, P. A.,	British Guiana, South America	1938	1938	Missionary	
Mendenhall, G. N.,	D.D., Ph.D., Sterling, Kansas	1908	1922	Professor	
Messer, J. E.,	S.T.M., South Sioux City, 221 E. 21st	1932	1943	First, South Sioux City	Melford Young***
Miller, J. C.,	Verdon	1915	1928	St. Mark's Verdon	
				Trinity, Stella	

Monnich, H. T., Sidney	1933	1945	Trinity, Sidney	Marius Christensen
*Moeller, G. E. 1827 Jefferson St., Duluth, Minn.	1932	1932	Chaplain, terminal leave	
Mortensen, E. C., Paxton	1920	1920	Trinity, Paxton	Frank Lammers, Jr.
Mortensen, G. E.	1920	1920	Trinity, Beatrice	L. K. Stevens
Most, W. F., 5211 Seward St., Omaha	1931	1943	Luther Memorial, Omaha	E. B. Torrey
**Matskus, W.	1913	1940	In secular work	
*Mumm, Harry, Leigh, Nebraska	1944	1943	Post Graduate Study	
Olson, Carl J., Stamford	1911	1944	Trinity, Stamford	John Lubeck
***Petersen, Erich C., Ponca, Nebraska	1931	1945	Salem, Ponca	Will Wendte*
***Pfeiffer, R. R., Emerson, Nebraska	1929	1943	St. Luke's, Emerson	I. G. Enke*
Pinkall, A. H., 3931 S. 23rd, Omaha	1930	1930	St. Luke's, Omaha	Wm. Heuer
Rangeler, Wm. F., D.D., Fremont, Nebr.	1898	1946	Retired	
*Rohfling, E. F. British Guana, South America, P. O. Box 20	1935	1934	Missionary	
Rupley, J. B., D.D. 1321 W. 2nd, Grand Island	1916	1941	St Paul's, Grand Island	Wm. F. Krehmke
Rupley, J. B., Jr., 311 W. 5th, North Platte, Nebr.	1942	1941	First, North Platte	A. T. Yost
Rupley, Kendig, Hampton, Nebraska	1947	1946	Emmanuel, Hampton	Wm. Hahle*
Shiery, John H. M. 2222 16th Str. Columbus	1945	1944	United, Columbus	Virgil Stone***
Shirck, Robert, Rising City	1945	1944	First, Rising City	P. C. Hillegas
Shirck, John, Walton, Nebraska	1947	1946	Grace, Walton	
			Trinity, Eagle	
Schuldt, T. J. C., 419 Pearl, Wayne	1936	1936	St. Paul's Wayne	Ole G. Nelson***
Switzer, Ernest, Benedict	1944	1943	Zion, Benedict	George Richardson, sr.
Traub, W. H., D.D., LL.D., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1913	1931	Kountze Memorial, Omaha	Paul Palmquist
Wiegman, P., Tekamah	1940	1940	Emmanuel, Tekamah	S. A. Wassum
			St. John's, Vacoma	
***Wise, W. G., Lutheran Children's Home, Fremont	1933	1946	Supervisor	
Wood, E. G., Chirala Gunthur, India	1929	1929	Missionary	
***Young, A. W., 2547 N. 62nd, Omaha	1926	1944	First Eng Lutheran, Omaha	
*Guzman, Carlos, Western Seminary, Fremont			Gethsemane Mexican	Pablo A. Hembertt
(Ad Interim Licensure Authorized)			Lutheran Mission, Omaha	
Vacant (Reg. Supply—with Salem, Dakota City)			Emmanuel, Dakota City	Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger
Vacant (Reg. Supply—with Dakota City)			St. Paul's Homer	Louis Jeppesen*
Vacant (Reg. Supply—with Dakota City)			Trinity, Hubbard	
Vacant			First, Ericson	
Vacant (Supplied by Dr. Harman)			Trinity, Wolbach	
Vacant (Reg. Supply—Paxton)			Grace, Sutherland	
Vacant (Reg. Supply Seminary)			Grace, Walton	Albert Felderman*
Vacant (Reg. Supply Seminary)			Trinity, Eagle	Herman Kirchoff*
Vacant (Reg. Supply—with Grace, Omaha)			St. Mark's, Omaha	Alvin Hoefker***
Vacant (Reg. Supply—Kimball) A. L. C., Rev. Ries			First, Potter	
Vacant (Reg. Supply Seminary)			Immanuel, Bellevue	
Vacant (Reg. Supply Seminary)			First, York	Russell Fletcher***
			First, McCool Junction	Everett Norquest*
United Services			St. Paul's Hardy	Max Bixby
Vacant (Reg. Supply Seminary)			First, Wilbur	Harry Orr

* Absent and Excused
** Absent and not Excused
*** Absent part time and Excused

presentative of Kansas Synod, Rev. Lorin Wolff, Representative of Midwest Synod, Mr. Ben Meyer, President of Nebraska Synod Brotherhood.

Calendar for 1948

Place of Synod: To be arranged

Time: April 5, 6, 7, 1948. Beginning with the Communion Service Monday, April 5th, 2 P. M. Ordination Service, April 6, 8 P. M.

Synodical Sermon: President of Synod.

Ordination Sermon: Rev. E. C. Mortensen. Alternate: Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt.

Chaplain: Rev. H. Dumler. Alternate: Rev. J. B. Rupley, jr.

Chorister: Rev. Martin J. Dolbeer, jr.

Organist: Rev. H. J. Goede.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

HELD IN

Salem Lutheran Church

FREMONT, NEBRASKA

APRIL 14, 15, 16, 1947

Monday Afternoon **2 P. M.** **April 14, 1947**

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska convened in Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, the Rev. Fred W. Kern, Pastor, at 2 o'clock, Monday Afternoon, April 14, 1947.

The Preparatory and Holy Communion Services were conducted by the President and Secretary of Synod. The Rev. J. C. Hershey, D. D., President of Synod, preached the Communion Sermon.

3:45 P. M.

The Formal Opening of Synod was conducted by President J. C. Hershey.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented its Report. A motion carried that the presentation of Lutheran World Action by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry be made a special order on Wednesday at 11:30 A. M.

The roll of Synod was called, forty-seven pastors and twenty-two lay delegates being present.

A motion carried that the first ten pews constitute the bar of Synod.

A motion carried that Dr. Fry be invited to attend the Executive Session of Synod.

Pastor Harry Gleim of St. Paul's Church, Hardy, was introduced to Synod.

Vice President Dr. C. B. Harman was called upon to preside during the presentation of the President's Report.

Dr. J. C. Hershey presented his Report as President of Synod. The Report was verbally amended to indicate calls extended and accepted since the writing of the Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brethren in Christ:

We are meeting this year in one of the most important conventions of our Nebraska Synod. It is important because it is our seventy-fifth birthday. The special events planned during this convention will turn our thoughts over the past and reveal our many accomplishments. Never at any time have we made spectacular advancements. Our gains have been steady and substantial in growth. It is not necessary for me to enumerate facts here as they will be presented in the various reports.

With the joys connected with our progress this past year we have also met sorrow. For first time since your president took office ten years ago one of our faithful and beloved pastors has departed this life. Dr. G. Keller Rubrecht "finished his course" in North Platte February fifth this year. The funeral services were held in the First Church at North Platte by the president of Synod after which his body was taken to Lincoln and laid to rest in Wyuka cemetery. We have asked the chaplain of Synod to present a memorial service at one of the sessions of this Synodical convention.

From the statistical report we learn that there have been gains all along the lines with the exception of baptized and confirmed members. The loss is due, no doubt, to a cleaning of the rolls. The communing membership shows a gain of 518. This is the largest gain for many years and the third largest since the merging of the three bodies into the United Lutheran Church. Benevolence has again made a splendid gain, although the percentage is lower this year due to the increased quota.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Resignations

November 1, 1946, - - - - - - - Rev. Ernest Switzer, Hildreth.
November 1, 1946, - - - - - - - - Rev. Karl Gigstad, Hampton.
April 7, 1947, - - - - - Rev. G. Gieschen, Our Redeemer, Omaha.

Calls Accepted

November 1, 1946, - - - - - - Rev. Ernest Switzer, Benedict.
November 1, 1946, - - - - - - - - Rev. Karl Gigstad, Leigh.

Ordinations

April 30, 1946, - - - - - Raymond Bartels, South Sioux City.
April 30, 1946, - - - - - - - - - - - - John Jacobs, Fremont.

Licensure

April 30, 1946, - - - - - - - - - - - - John Shirck, Omaha.
April 30, 1946, - - - - - - - - - Kendig Rupley, Grand Island
April 30, 1946, - - - - - - - - - - - Harold Hamilton, Omaha.
May 24, 1946, - - - - - - - - - - - - Marvin Suhr, Fremont.

Vacancies

Dakota City, - - - - - - - - Emmanuel has occasional services.

Walton-Eagle - - has been supplied regularly from the Seminary.

Hampton - - is being supplied regularly by student Rev. Kendig Rupley, a senior in the Seminary.

Hardy, - - is being supplied by a Methodist pastor, Rev. Harry Gleim.

Homer-Hubbard, - - - - is being supplied by Rev. H. Joens

St. Mark's, Omaha, - - having sold their property is looking for a new location. Rev. H. J. Goede is supplying them.

Potter,- - is being supplied by an American Lutheran pastor from Kimball.

Spencer, - - has called Rev. P. O. Anderson who is now on the field.

Wilber, - - is being supplied regularly by Rev. John Shirck, a senior in the Seminary.

Wolbach, - - is making fine progress under the constant care of Dr. C. B. Harman.

North Platte, - - - is being supplied from Western Semianry

Dismissals

Rev. Carl H. Berhenke, September 14, 1946, to Illinois Synod.

Rev. W. H. Saas, May 15, 1946 to Pacific Synod.

Rev. E. N. Haugse, to Pacific Synod.

Rev. G. Gieschen, April 7, 1947, to Wartburg Synod.

Appointments

Rev. L. H. Lesher, D. D. was appointed by your president to act as a representative from our Synod on a committee for all Lutheran Child Welfare in the State of Nebraska.

Rev. A. M. Knudsen, Secretary of English Missions of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church, appointed Rev. L. H. Lesher, D. L., to take the place of Rev. G. Kelller Rubrecht, D. D., on The Nebraska Regional Lutheran Home Mission Committee of the Division of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council.

Since the meeting of Synod one year ago your president has attended ten congregational meetings, fourteen Council meetings, assisted in two anniversaries, conducted three funerals, officiated at three weddings, surveyed two fields, attended forty six committee meetings, preached forty nine sermons,, delivered two addresses to the students in Midland College, has met with seventy individuals for personal counsel, and contacted personally six Board members of the United Lutheran Church in the interest and welfare of our Synod.

We are truly grateful to all members of Synod for their hearty cooperation in promoting the Kingdom of our Lord. May God in Whose blessed Name we are all privileged to serve, and without

Whom no service is worth while, continue to us His all sufficient grace.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Hershey, President

The Report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. F. E. Wood. The Report of the Auditors was submitted. A motion carried that the Report of the Auditors be adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1946

Receipts

The Apportionment	$50,340.21
Midland College, special gifts	59.75
Tabitha Home, special gifts	3,358.03
Foreign Missions	2,352.84
Miscellaneous Receipts	389.00
Forward Midland Campaign	15,141.13
Lutheran World Action	27,367.08
Nebraska Synod, specials	4,645.00
	$103,653.04

Disbursements

United Lutheran Church Apportionment		$23,340.23
United Lutheran Church Specials		
Board of Church Extension	$ 20.00	
Children of the Church	128.00	
American Bible Society	15.00	
Foreign Missions	2,352.84	
Lutheran World Action	27,367.08	29,882.92
Midland College Apportionment		9,609.00
Midland College Specials		59.75
Western Theological Seminary Apportionment		3,203.00
Tabitha Home Apportionment		5,734.56
Tabitha Home Specials		3,358.03
Mission Committee Apportionment		2,000.00
Ministerial Aid Apportionment		500.00
Rev. F. S. Delo		189.00
Midland Assembly		25.00
Mexican Mission Omaha		12.00
Forward Midland Campaign		15,141.13
Synod Items as follows		10,598.42
		$103,653.04

Synod Items

Dr. J. C. Hershey, salary and expenses		$3,693.68
Dr. J. C. Hershey, Executive Committee		40.30
Wm. Parkinson, Trustee		
Purchase Bellevue Parsonage		4,600.00
G. Gieschen		
L. L. Convention	$100.00	
Y. P. Work	75.00	

Min. Ed. Com.	4.20	179.20
U. L. C. Convention		
W. W. Kuenning	60.00	
W. F. Kedde	60.00	
J. C. Hershey	60.00	
L. H. Lesher	60.00	
T. J. C. Schuldt	60.00	
W. H. Traub	60.00	
R. V. Davis	60.00	
A. T. Yost	60.00	
H. G. Wellensieck	60.00	
O. L. Sturtevant	60.00	600.00
W. A. Klink, Ex. Com. Expense		30.05
W. W. Kuenning, Ex. Com. Expense		13.00
A. T. Yost		90.80
T. J. C. Schuldt, salary and expense		175.26
Midland College, paper and stamps, Stewardship Com.		2.25
Nebraska State Savings & Loan, lock box		2.40
Chappel Printing Co., Synod Luth.		339.82
Chappel Printing Co., 75th Anniversary Stationery		15.80
R. V. Davis, salary and expenses		54.39
Enterprise Publishing Co., Pre-Convention Bulletin		41.60
Minutes of Synod		246.00
Synod Luth.		107.99
Owen Printing Co., stationery		11.95
F. E. Wood, Stny. and Postage		128.60
Hansen Audit Co.		35.00
W. C. Heidenreich, min. aid		13.00
Janitor, synod meeting		15.00
Kendig Rupley, Exam. Com.		10.50
John Shirck, Exam. Com.		10.50
Marvin Suhr, Exam. Com.		8.00
Paul Wiegman,, Exam. Com.		5.00
National American Ins. Co., Parsonage, Bellevue		12.78
Exchange		1.15
Secretary of State		1.00
H. Joens, Min. Aid. Com.		8.40
Green's Greenhouse, flowers, Mrs. Delo		5.00
United Lutheran Student Com.		100.00
		$10,598.42

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Apport. Paid	Special	Total
1929	$36657	$14690	$51347
1930	38602	12029	50631
		Midland Chn. Ed. Dr.	
1931	26801	31671	58472
1932	26753	23988	50741
1933	23017	6458	29476
1934	21706	5349	27055
1935	19991	2755	22746
1936	20355	2530	22885
1937	19103	3240	22343
1938	19942	4614	24556
1939	20208	1136	21344

1940	21368	3033	24401
1941	21644	2641	24285
1942	25792	3625	29417
1943	32722	8582	41304
1944	36442	12868	49310
1945	43010	34555	77565
1946	50340	48668	99008

TREASURER'S ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Church	*Apport.*	*Paid*	*Pct.*	*Specials*	*Totals*	*LWA*	*Midland Campaign Burkhart*
Allen	$ 476.00	$ 176.00	37	$ 11.65	$ 187.65		
Auburn	1,649.00	1,649.00	100	2,579.91	4,228.91	$1,135.75	$1,443.85
Beatrice	631.00	379.00	60	251.80	630.80	136.80	365.00
Benedict	533.00	668.00	125	589.52	1,257.52	178.50	533.65
Bellevue	300.00	55.00	18.3	73.00	128.00	73.00	
Broadwater	403.00	403.00	100	101.54	504.54	20.00	163.50
Columbus	352.00	343.00	97.4	290.44	633.44	217.74	34.50
Dakota City Em.	31.00	15.00	50	10.00	25.00	10.00	
Dakota City Salem	677.00	438.18	64.7	752.70	1,190.88	145.70	607.00
Dalton	470.00	527.00	112	271.00	798.00		450.00
Davenport	1,230.00	1,290.00	104	1,349.00	2,639.00	33.00	1,195.81
Eagle	217.00	85.00	39	138.50	223.50	138.50	15.00
Emerson	1,375.00	1,005.00	73	1,203.27	2,208.27	638.04	452.23
Ericson	Closed						
Falls City	2,616.00	1,638.00	62.6	276.00	1,914.00	245.00	264.00
Fremont	2,587.00	2,863.61	110.7	3,906.87	6,770.48	1,322.92	6,310.28
Grand Island	5,666.00	3,017.00	53.2	2,856.37	5,873.37	2,123.92	1,869.25
Gurley	476.00	476.00	100	424.86	900.86		361.36
Hampton	331.00	117.00	35.3	342.71	459.71	342.71	196.00
Hardy	326.00	143.00	43.8	197.00	340.00	57.00	146.00
Hildreth	465.00	83.30	18	108.60	191.90	70.00	97.45
Homer	832.00	141.35	17	17.50	158.85	17.50	
Hooper	1,184.00	1,186.00	100.2	569.50	1,755.50	564.50	1,005.00
Hubbard	310.00	73.00	23.5	20.65	93.65	20.65	
Leigh	858.00	358.00	41.7	698.19	1,056.19	205.00	445.83
Lewellen	315.00	325.00	103	127.00	452.00	127.00	1,135.00
Lincoln	2,921.00	2,921.00	100	3,799.75	6,720.75	2,209.75	1,510.00
McCool Jct.	672.00	459.00	68.3	184.50	643.50	171.50	
Nebraska City	879.00	346.28	39.4	393.01	739.29	107.19	204.50
North Platte	2,849.00	2,890.00	101.4	3,201.65	6,091.65	997.15	2,087.50
Omaha First	1,148.00	1,028.00	89.5	1,101.00	2,129.00	300.00	760.00
Omaha Grace	972.00	482.00	50	300.00	782.00	300.00	126.00
Omaha Kountze Memorial	12,165.00	6,260.00	51.4	7,043.99	13,303.99	5,213.99	1,000.00
Omaha Luther Memorial	776.00	872.00	112	939.90	1,811.90	772.90	450.00
Omaha Redeemer	1,928.00	2,130.00	110.4	1,379.58	3,509.58	1,107.49	660.00
Omaha St. Lukes	2,900.00	2,900.00	100	2,840.62	5,740.62	1,750.64	2,123.98
Omaha St. Marks	595.00	600.00	100	308.59	908.59	261.59	10.00
Oshkosh	216.00	219.00	101	222.00	441.00	211.00	290.00
Paxton	776.00	1,433.00	184.6	1,653.89	3,086.89	1,262.32	583.00
Ponca	1,029.00	672.10	65	1,212.95	1,885.05	668.95	633.10
Potter	181.00	226.00	125	218.38	444.38	140.99	184.87
Rising City	620.00	627.34	101	1,010.04	1,637.38	221.00	780.00
Scribner	879.00	275.00	31.3	749.70	1,024.70	463.75	278.30
Sidney	843.00	856.00	101.5		856.00		614.50
Snyder	269.00	100.00	37	254.45	354.45	165.45	89.00
So. Sioux City	1,592.00	1,200.00	75.4	1,691.68	2,891.68	960.00	87.97
Spencer	450.00	34.00	7.5	207.40	241.40	207.40	
Stamford	496.00	430.00	87	291.82	721.82	150.17	432.00
Stella	134.00	111.25	83	42.01	153.26	42.01	5.00
Sutherland	88.00	101.00	114	87.30	188.30	37.00	62.00
Tekamah	626.00	626.00	100	255.00	881.00	255.00	605.00
Vacoma	310.00	271.00	80.7	221.50	492.50	194.50	190.00
Verdon	517.00	517.00	100	97.00	614.00	97.00	
Walton	445.00	122.80	27.6	141.15	263.95	141.15	100.00

Wayne	1,324.00	1,324.00	100	631.53	1,955.53	292.35	36.75
West Point	1,897.00	1,897.00	100	464.54	2,361.54	449.79	5,448.50
Wilber	352.00	217.00	69	200.00	417.00	100.00	100.00
Wolbach	429.00	144.00	33	164.75	308.75	128.25	---
York	574.00	594.00	103.5	140.57	734.57	113.57	---
J. K. Jensen, Ref. of Expense				50.00	50.00	50.00	
		$50,340.21	76	$48,667.83	$99,008.04	$27,367.08	

LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION QUOTAS and CONTRIBUTIONS

December 31, 1946 Nebraska Synod

	QUOTAS	PAID
Allen	$ 830.18	$
Auburn	1845.74	1135.75
Beatrice	596.44	136.80
Benedict	850.33	178.50
Bellevue	233.74	73.00
Broadwater	813.09	20.00
Columbus	310.31	217.74
Dakota City, Im.	72.54	10.00
Dakota City, Salem	975.26	145.70
Dalton	540.02	
Davenport	1406.47	33.00
Eagle	274.04	138.50
Emerson	2103.66	638.04
Falls City	2764.58	245.00
Fremont	2917.72	1322.92
Grand Island	6802.64	2123.92
Gurley	548.08	
Hampton	407.03	342.71
Hardy	383.85	57.00
Hildreth	818.09	70.00
Homer	1261.39	17.50
Hooper	1100.19	564.50
Hubbard	652.86	20.65
Leigh	959.14	205.00
Lewellen	407.03	127.00
Lincoln	3312.66	2209.75
McCool Junction	681.07	171.50
Nebraska City	918.84	107.19
North Platte	3784.17	997.15
Omaha, First	1406.47	300.00
Omaha, Grace	1031.68	300.00
Omaha, K. Memorial	19061.90	5213.99
Omaha, L. Memorial	789.28	772.90
Omaha, Redeemer	3735.81	1107.49
Omaha, St. Luke's	3502.07	1750.64
Omaha, St. Mark's	1200.94	261.59
Oshkosh	455.39	211.00
Paxton	1281.54	1262.32
Ponca	1466.92	668.95
Potter	274.04	140.99
Rising City	793.91	221.60
Scribner	1047.80	463.75
Sidney	934.96	
Snyder	362.70	165.45
South Sioux City	2317.25	960.00
Spencer	677.04	207.40
Stamford	523.90	150.17

Stella	169.26	42.01
Sutherland	181.35	37.00
Tekamah	733.46	255.00
Vacoma	314.34	194.50
Verdon	806.00	97.00
Walton	693.16	141.15
Wayne	2055.30	292.35
West Point	1487.07	449.79
Wilber	697.19	100.00
Wolbach	922.87	128.25
York	797.94	113.57
	$88,217.70	$27,367.08

REPORT OF AUDITORS

April 1, 1947

To the Board of Trustees

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

of the United Lutheran Church in America

Complying with the request of your Treasurer, Mr. F. E. Wood, we have again audited the books of the Synod following upon our previous audit, which was as of January 16, 1946. Our present audit continues from that date through January 17, 1947.

The officers of the Synod during the period covered were:

Reverend John C. Hershey, President
Reverend T. J. C. Schuldt, Secretary
Mr. F. E. Wood, Treasurer.

The exhibits of the report are listed below.

Exhibit 'A': Summary Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from January 17, 1946 to January 17, 1947, inclusive.

Exhibit 'B': Detailed Statement of Receipts and Disbursements by Funds from January 17, 1946 to January 17, 1947, inclusive.

Exhibit 'C': Bank Reconcilement, January 17, 1947.

Our report as submitted agrees with the financial records of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America as kept by the Treasurer, Mr. F. E. Wood, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is a correct accounting for all receipts and disbursements for the period covered.

The balance on hand in the bank of January 17, 1947 is correctly stated according to the books of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THE HANSON AUDIT COMPANY

By Jas. R. Hanson

The first ballot was taken for Vice President. Pastor H. Dumler, J. Jacobs and Mr. Marius Christensen were appointed tellers.

Pastor R. V. Davis presented his Report as Statistician. A letter from the office of the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church In America was read commending the 100% accurate Statistical Report from our Synod.

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

Following are the statistician's figures for the Nebraska synod for the past year 1946:

Membership

Child Members:

Accessions by Baptism	775	
Accessions by Certificate	297	
Total Accessions		1,072
Transferred by Confirmation	414	
Losses by Death	18	
Losses by Certificate	215	
Losses by Dismissal	583	
Total Losses		1,230
NET LOSS		158

Adult Members:

Accessions by Baptism	270	
Accessions by Confirmation	658	
Accessions by Certificate	697	
Accessions by Restoration	91	
Total Accessions		1,716
Losses by Death	177	
Losses by Certificate	491	
Losses by Dismissal	1423	
Total Losses		2,091
NET LOSS		375

BAPTIZED MEMBERS—TOTAL NET LOSS—533.

Summary

Baptized Members, Jan. 1, 1946	32,171
Total Net Loss	533
Baptized Members, Jan. 1, 1947	31,638
Confirmed Members, Jan. 1, 1946	22,382
Total Net Loss	375
Confirmed Members, Jan. 1, 1947	22,007
Communing Members, Jan. 1, 1946	13,089
Total Net Gain	518

Parish Education

Sunday Schools:

Schools	59	
Staff Members	931	
In Sunday School	6946	—gain 147
Home Dept.	84	—gain 44
On Cradle Roll	1558	—gain 201

Weekday Schools:

Schools	22	
Teachers	153	
Pupils	1348	

Children of the Church:

Leaders	38	—gain 9
Pupils	354	—gain 121

Catechumens:

Number	1103	—gain 142

Higher Education

In Lutheran Seminaries	6	—gain 2
In Lutheran Motherhouses	0	
In Other Lutheran Institutions	105	—gain 53
In Non-Lutheran Institutions	361	—gain 227

Group Organizations

Men's—22, gain 3; Members—526, gain 119.
Women's—105, loss 5; Members 3710, gain 20.
Mixed—20, gain 7; Members 504, gain 203.
Young People's—54, gain 8; Members—1,062, gain 155.

Valuation

Church Building		$1,261,150
Parsonage		183,600
School or Parish House		
Endowment		7,706
Other Property		148,635
TOTAL VALUATION		$1,601,091
Indebtedness	$20,490	

Expenditures

Current Expenses		$199,856
Unusual Expenses		74,495
TOTAL CURRENT and UNUSUAL EXPENSES		$274,351
Education	$22,605	
Foreign Missions	6,410	
American Missions	2,066	
Social Missions	9,646	
Other Benevolence	37,460	

Total Unapportioned Benevolence	$78,187.00
Apportioned Benevolence Paid	50,340.21
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	$128,527.21
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$402,878.21

Respectfully yours,

R. V. DAVIS, Statistician.

The tellers reported on the first ballot for Vice President. Dr. C. B. Harman was declared elected.

The first ballot was taken for Secretary. Pastors J. E. Messer, Raymond Bartels and Mr. Wm. Kedde were appointed tellers.

The following Official Representatives were presented to Synod: Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church In America; Mr. Wm. F. Kedde President of the Synodical Brotherhood; Dr. T. D. Rinde, Dean of Western Theological Seminary.

The Special Committees were announced by the President.

The tellers reported on the first ballot for Secretary. Pastor T. J. C. Schuldt was declared elected.

The session adjourned. Prayer was offered by Pastor F. W. Henkel.

MONDAY EVENING **8 P. M.** **April 14, 1947**

The Vesper Service was conducted by Pastor F. W. Kern, Liturgist. Rev. Charles H. Reinbrecht, Missionary to China, presented the cause of our China Mission. Following the service an opportunity was given the congregation to ask questions of Missionary Reinbrecht.

Tuesday Morning **8:45 A. M.** **April 15, 1947**

The Matins Service was conducted by Pastor F. W. Kern, Liturgist. Dr. W. F. Rangeler spoke on the subject "Seventy-five Years of Word and Sacrament." Music was provided by the Synodical choir directed by Pastor M. L. Dolbeer, Jr., Chorister.

The roll of Synod was called, forty-four pastors and twenty-nine lay delegates being present.

Minutes of the Monday session were read and approved.

Nominations were received for the office of Treasurer. Mr. F. E. Wood was nominated. The first ballot was taken for Treasurer.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented its Report. The following visitors were introduced to Synod: Rev. Paul Bierstedt, Central Area Secretary of the Student Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council; Dr. F. C. Schuldt, Pastor of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hastings, of the Midwest Synod; Pastor Leo

Nielsen of the Pacific Synod; Pastor F. Weisenborn, St. John's Lutheran Church, Scribner, of the Midwest Synod. Motions carried as follows: that the Report of the Committee on Separation of Midland College and Western Seminary be presented during the Executive Session; that the Executive Session be moved to 10:30 A. M. in order that Dr. Fry may speak without interruption following the Executive Session.

The tellers reported on the first ballot for Treasurer. Mr. F. E. Wood was declared elected.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Secretary. A motion carried that the recommendations be deferred as items of unfinished business.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(1946—1947)

The Executive Committee has held five meetings since the last meeting of Synod. Reports of the President and Treasurer were presented at each meeting. Principal items of business are outlined as follows.

May 20, 1946.

1. The Standing Committees required by the Constitution and the Special Committees were appointed. The Calendar for the 1947 Convention was tentatively arranged.
2. The Committee transacted the unfinished business referred to it by the 1946 Convention.
3. Among motions carried are the following:
   a. Dr. W. A. Klink and Rev. J. B. Rupley, Jr., were nominated as scholarship recipient and alternate, respectively, for attendance at the Interdenominational School for Rural Leaders, July 29—Aug. 30, at Garrett Biblical School. Grant of $35 to be given by Synod toward expense of pastor who attends.
   b. Synodical mileage allowance increased from .04 to .06 per mi.
   c. Per diem allowance for delegates to U.L.C.A. $6.00.

June 10, 1946
(Special Meeting)

4. Purpose of this meeting to consider the purchase and financing of a parsonage at Bellevue.
5. Motions carried as follows:
   a. The question of financing the purchase of the parsonage at Bellevue during the interim between the time of option and receipt of the Church Extension loan from the Board of American Missions was discussed. A motion carried that the necessary amount ($4,600) be forwarded for this short period out of the Synodical treasury.
   b. A motion carried that Synod hold title to this property until payment is completed for same.

Nov. 15, 1946

6. Further plans made for the 75th Anniversary Convention of Synod.
7. Among motions carried are the following:
   a. That Synod convene Monday afternoon for the Communion Service and that the Brotherhood Convention be held on Wednesday afternoon, following the adjournment of Synod and preceding the 75th Anniversary Banquet.
   b. That in accordance with the request of the Board of Pensions, the President of Synod be appointed to promote the Contributory Pension Plan among the congregations of Synod.
   c. That Feb. 1st be set as the deadline for Synodical Committee Reports.

Jan. 27, 1947.

8. Among motions carried are the following:
   a. That it is the judgment of this Committee that it is neither desirable nor necessary for the Board of Education to direct the operation and administration of Theological Education (Western Seminary) on this territory at the present time.
   b. That the 75th Anniversary Committee be authorized to publish a 75th Anniversary edition of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran.
   c. That this Committee recommend to Synod its entrance into the Contributory Pension Plan for the President of Synod.
   d. Budget adopted for recommendation to Synod as appearing under Recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This Committee recommends to Synod its entrance into the Contributory Pension Plan for the President of Synod.
2. Budget for 1948.

BUDGET FOR 1948

Section 1. Fixed Items.

Salaries	$ 3,250.00
Midland College ($1.05 per Communing Member)	14,287.00
Western Seminary (.25 per Communing Member)	3,402.00
President's Travel Expense	825.00
Missions	3,500.00
Beneficiary Education	500.00
Synodical Paper	750.00
General Expense Fund	400.00
Printing	300.00
Student Work	100.00
Young People's Camp	75.00
Auditor's Fees	35.00
Treasurer's Bond	10.00
Committee on Parish Life and Work	150.00
Biennial Convention of ULCA	600.00
Total	$28,184.00

Section 2. The Apportionment.

The United Lutheran Church in America	$41,903.00
Tabitha Home	7,352.00
Total	$49,255.00
Grand Total	$77,439.00

Theodore J. C. Schuldt, Sec'y.

The first ballot was taken for Historian-Necrologist. Pastors M. L. Dolbeer, Jr., Paul de Freese and Mr. A. T. Yost were appointed tellers.

Executive Session 10:30 A. M.

The session opened with prayer by Dr. W. I. Guss.

The Report of the Examining Committee was presented by Pastor W. F. Most. A motion carried that the Report be adopted.

April 14, 1947

Fremont, Nebraska
Salem Lutheran Church.

The examining committee of the Nebraska Synod met at Salem Lutheran church, Fremont, Nebraska, April 14th, 1947, at 10 A. M. Chairman L. Lesher called the meeting to order. Pastor J. C. Hershey opened the meeting with prayer. Present at the meeting were the following: L. Lesher, J. C. Miller, Fred Henkel, H. Cordts, J. C. Hershey, A. Young, and W. F. Most.

The following appeared before the committee: Kendig Rupley, Marvin Suhr, John Shirck, Harold Hamilton, Carlos Guzman, and Pastor Harvey Clark. Having satisfactorily completed the work for graduation from Western Seminary, Kendig Rupley having received a call to the Hampton, Nebraska parish, Marvin Suhr, having received a call to the Missouri Valley, Iowa parish, John Shirck, having received a call to the Eagle-Walton Nebraska parish, and Harold Hamilton, having received a call with the Board of American Missions to the Pacific Synod, it was moved by W. F. Most and seconded by J. C. Miller and carried that the above named be recommended for ordination to the Holy Ministry at this session of Synod. It was moved by J. C. Miller and seconded by Fred Henkel that the committee recommend to the president of Synod the authorization of an ad interim licensure to Carlos Guzman to serve the Mexican Mission in Omaha, if it seems essential to the work and with the consent of the Texas Synod whose beneficiary he is. The motion was carried. Harvey Clark, having received and accepted a call to Our Redeemer Luth. Church, Omaha, presented a letter of transfer from the Illinois Synod. It was moved by A. Young and seconded by J. C. Miller that Harvey Clark be recommended to be enrolled on the clerical register of Synod Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Examining Committee
W. F. Most, Secretary

The Report of the Committee on Beneficiary Education was presented by Pastor J. E. Messer. The Recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND DEACONESS EDUCATION

To the Evan. Luth. Synod of Nebraska in Convention assembled at Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, April 14th to 17th, '47.

Your Committee on Ministerial and Deaconess Education reports that during the past year it has granted aid to two pre-theological students at Midland College. This aid has been in the form of loans, as provided for in the Constitution of Synod. Because of the increased cost of tuition and other items, the basic amount of this aid has been increased from the former $125.00 per scholastic year to $200. In one case, special circumstances made necessary an additional grant of $50.00, as indicated in the financial report.

An application for aid for the second semester from a third prospective beneficiary is now pending. It will be acted upon before Synod convenes.

The duties of your Committee have been enlarged by the Executive Committee of Synod to include support of candidates for the Diaconate. The Committee was called upon to exercise this new function in the case of Miss Jesucita Velez, now preparing herself for parish work at the Baltimore Motherhouse; she will serve, when she has completed her training, in the Mexican Mission in Omaha. A subsidiary grant of $86.00 was requested for her first-year's tuition cost; the rest of the $300.00 needed has been raised by private gifts and contributions. Action on this request has not been completed as this report is written.

Your Committee believes that it is in the interest of the expanding work of the Church that extensive changes be made in the Constitution regarding the Committee's work. These changes should pertain to two phases in particular. One is the inclusion of aid to candidates for the Diaconate, which is not provided for in the present Constitution. The other is concerned with a broadening of the Committee's functions with regard to the selection and guidance of ALL prospective candidates for the ministry within the confines of Synod. At present the duties of this Committee are limited to Beneficiary Aid, and its jurisdiction and influence extends only to those students who are receiving such aid. The Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America has recommended that Committees on Ministerial Education be charged with the duty of using their office in the interest of a careful selection and competent guidance of all the students in Synod who have the ministry in view. They are to keep a check on all students from their respective Synod with regard to their scholastic work and their personal behavior, with the object of encouraging them to higher attainments.

These changes should be incorporated in a new Constitution, when and if it is adopted by Synod.

We recommend, therefore, that the Committee on the New Constitution study this matter and bring in definite proposals for the consideration of Synod at a future session.

Respectfully submitted,

G. GIESCHEN, Chairman.

Recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

"We recommend that the two present applicants be continued for the coming year providing they meet the requirements of the Constitution."

Respectfully submitted,
J Ernest Messer, Secretary
W. C. Heidenreich
Herman Joens

Present applicants: Wilbur Voelker, R. Waldo Hansen.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
of the
Ministerial Education Committee
for the year ending December 31, 1947

Balance in bank January 1, 1946	$355.28
Received from Treasurer of Synod	550.00
Total receipts	$905.28
Disbursements:	
May 14, 1946 to Student Wilbur Volker	$125.00
May 14, 1946 to Student R. Waldo Hansen	62.00
July 7, 1946 to Student R. Waldo Hansen	62.00
December 13, 1946 to Student Wilbur Volker	125.00
December 13, 1946 to Student R. Waldo Hansen	100.00
Total	$475.00
Total Receipts	$905.28
Total Disbursements	475.00
Balance on hand	$430.28

W. C. HEIDENREICH, Treasurer.

Information was given to Synod that the Committee on Beneficiary Education, in its activity during the present year, has granted financial aid to Miss Jesucita Velez, who is preparing to become a Parish Worker. It is understood that such aid will not continue.

Time having expired for the Executive Session a motion carried that the order of the day be followed and another time be set for the continuation of the Executive Session.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry addressed Synod as the President of the United Lutheran Church In America.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Fry for his presentation.

The session adjourned. Prayer was offered by Pastor J. B. Rupley, Jr.

Tuesday Afternoon **2 P. M.** **April 15, 1947**

The Vespers Service was conducted as a memorial to the late Dr. G. K. Rubrecht. Pastor F. W. Kern, Chaplain, was Liturgist. The memorial tribute was delivered by Pastor E. C. Mortensen.

The roll of Synod was called, forty-eight pastors and twenty-nine lay delegates being present.

Minutes of the morning sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented its Report. A motion carried that the Recommendation be adopted.

The following visitors were introduced to Synod: Dr. O. W. Ebright, Supt. of Tabitha Home, Lincoln; Dr. M. A. Ritzen, Official Representative from the Midwest Synod.

Greetings were brought to Synod by Dr. Ritzen as Official Representative from the Midwest Synod.

The tellers reported on the first ballot for Historian-Necrologist. There was no election.

The second ballot was taken for Historian-Necrologist.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church In America were presented for consideration. Motions carried approving the three proposed amendments.

AMENDMENTS TO U. L. C. A. CONSTITUTION

1. Article VI, Section 3: Strike the comma after the word "faith" and before the words "and thus" and insert a semicolon and the following words: "and in order to further such spiritual unity and cooperation, to establish, maintain and operate, in conjunction with other Lutheran general bodies, a post-graduate theological seminary;"

Section 3 of Article VI would then read:

Section 3 To express outwardly the spiritual unity of Lutheran congregations and synods, to cultivate cooperation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, to seek the unification of all Lutherans in one orthodox faith; and in order to further such spiritual unity and cooperation, to establish, maintain and operate, in conjunction with other Lutheran general bodies, a postgraduate Lutheran theological seminary; and thus to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principle and practice and make their strength effective."

2. Article IX, Section 1: Insert, immediately after the second sentence and immediately before the third sentence, the following: "No one shall be eligible for election or reelection to these offices after he shall have reached the age of 68 years."

Section 1 of Article IX would then read:

"Section 1 The officers of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President shall be an ordained minister of the Church. No one shall be eligible for election or re-election to these offices after he shall have reached the age of 68 years. The officers shall be elected by ballot at each regular convention, but shall not take office until the first day of the third month after their election."

3. Article XIII, Section 4: Add at end of present Section 4 of Article XIII, the following words: No salaried member of the executive

staff of a board or agency may be continued in employment after December 31 of the year in which the age of 68 shall have been attained."

Section 4 of Article XIII would then read:
"Section 4 The Boards, unless otherwise provided, shall have power to elect their own officers and employees, and to carry on their work in accordance with the design of their appointment. No member of a Board shall be a salaried employee thereof. No salaried member of the executive staff of a board or agency may be continued in employment after December 31 of the year in which the age of 68 shall have been attained."

The tellers reported on the second ballot for Historian. There was no election. The third ballot was taken.

The Report of the Trustees of Midland College was presented by Dr. J. B. Rupley. Motions carried adopting the five Recommendations.

REPORT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE & WESTERN SEMINARY TRUSTEES

Our new president of Midland College and Western Seminary, the Rev. W. P. Hieronymous, Ph. D., was inaugurated the eighth President May 22, 1946, and has earned our confidence and hearty support, and our deepest gratitude through his untiring labors in seeking to make our College a greater credit to our Church in the field of higher education, and as a credited institution.

During the year past, the College and Western Seminary have, by the grace of God, experienced growth and development. The supporting Synods, and the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America have shown their interest and appreciation of these institutions by both moral and material support. We are deeply grateful for this.

OFFICERS of the CORPORATION for 1946-'47: President, Henry A. Gunderson, Esq., Fremont, Nebraska; Vice-president, the Rev. A. J. Beil, D.D., Lawrence, Kansas; Secretary, the Rev. A. W. Young, Omaha, Nebraska; Treasurer, Mr. Clinton Muller, Fremont, Nebraska.

OFFICERS of the College: President, the Rev. W. P. Hieronymous, Ph. D.; Dean, Prof. Herman Gimmestad; Treasurer, Mr. Clinton Muller; Business Manager, Mr. F. E. Wood; Dean of Western Seminary, the Rev. T. D. Rinde, D.D.

ENROLLMENT: The 60th Academic year began with a fine increase in enrollment. The total enrollment of 458 is made up of 284 men, 174 women and 170 veterans. Of this enrollment 56% are Lutheran. There are 32 young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry, and at least 5 young women are taking the Parish Worker's Course. The student body represent 15 states in the Union and British Guiana.

FACULTY: Ten members have been added to the Faculty and Staff: Dr. Harold L. Zeiders, Dr. William L. Tolstead, Mr. John A. Pfitsch, Miss Patricia Rieper, Mr. Carl E. Forsberg, Miss Mabel Tillery, the Rev. W. F. Most (part time), Mrs. Oscar Lyders (part time), Miss Dorothea Mortensen and Mrs. Alice Tullis.

Prof. Ralph Hankey is on leave in order to pursue work leading to an advanced degree.

Miss Leah L. Williams, who for many years served as the efficient treasurer, has relinquished that position.

LIVING ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION: This plan, which has been approved, is a project by whcih persons contribute annually a sum of money equivalent to the interest income on an endowment investment bearing 2 1-2% interest. Thus many who may not be able to contribute large sums in permanent endowment, can participate in such a plan by giving a definite amount each year.

Our College being advised by Dr. Neale, Counselor of the North Central Association, that the College's objectives be restated in terms of the curricular offerings, thus a restatement was prepared under the leadership of Dr. Walter Beck. This means one more step toward that goal of our College becoming a credited institution.

MIDLAND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: This is an organization of Midland Women, that is, an organization of women interested in Midland College, and has received the endorsement of the Board.

SICK LEAVE: In the event of any absence of any employee of the College, due to sickness or accident, the employee's salary shall be continued through a period of not in excess of one week per year.

BUILDINGS: Apart from the Men's Memorial Hall, which is nearing completion, a new building for Dormitory purposes has been secured from the Scribner Army Air Base through the F.P.H.A., without cost to the College. The moving and reconditioning of the building is at the College's expense. This new dormitory, housing about 40 persons, will be known as North Hall.

A Student Union Building and an Auxiliary Gymnasium was approved by the Board.

FINANCES: Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Fiscal Year ending August 31, 1946:

INCOME		
Education and General		
Tuition and Fees	$57,883.32	
Endowment Investments	6,151.95	
Gifts and Grants	56,992.47	
Services	758.18	
Other Sources	1,551.57	
Auxiliary Enterprises	55,681.52	
Total Income		$179,046.01
EXPENSES		
Education and General	$126,665.96	
Auxiliary Enterprises	45,662.15	
Other Non-Educational	3,421.91	
Total Expenses		$175,750.02
Net Current Operating Income as of Aug. 31, 1946		$3,295.99

PROSPECTS:

Never was there a time in Midland's history when prospects for the future were as promising as now. In order that our College and Seminary may truly come to occupy their rightful place of larger service in our Church's life by the best trained leaders, and in the life of our communities and nation through educated Christian citizens, there is the real need for more and better physical equipment, and both moral and material support by all congregations and friends. All who are interested in the cause of higher education and Church affiliated colleges, and appreciate the vital contribution they, alone, are able to render to the life of our day, must feel deeply the responsibility, as individuals, to do the very best, and also the great opportunity for service to the glory of God and man.

AFFILIATION WITH THE DEACONESS MOTHERHOUSE: Midland College will hence-forth be affiliated with the Deaconess Motherhouses of Baltimore and Philadelphia in the education of young women for full-time church service. The plan of affiliation briefly is as follows: A student who is interested in earning a college degree as well as receiving professional training for deaconess work or general parish work, she will take her freshman and sophomore years at Midland. Following this basic college work, she will attend one of the two deaconess schools for a period of two years to fulfill the requirements for a major in Christian education and to qualify for a diploma from the deaconess school. The student will then return to Midland to complete the last 30 hours of college work with a view to graduation with the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Forward Midland Campaign: It will be a great day when we can say that the Forward Midland Campaign is past history, and that our pastors and people responded so nobly and loyally that the campaign went over the top. But unfortunately after almost three years, we still have not yet reached our goal.

At this point we should like to repeat a statement which appeared in a recent issue of Lutheran Higher Education. "Midland is at the crossroads and the supporting church is being weighed in the balance. Those who planned the Forward Midland Campaign considered $225,000 as the **minimum** necessary to meet Midlands most urgent needs. The supporting synods voluntarily accepted their respective quotas and pledged themselves to raise them. Students are now enrolling in unprecedented numbers. Midland is truly at the crossroads. Shall she be enabled to serve our youth and the Church as God would have her serve, or shall she lapse again into mediocrity? Our congregations and friends must give the answer."

Due to the fact that the bills for the construction and completion of Men's Memorial Hall (new dormitory) are coming in much faster than the campaign monies are being received from the churches, it has become necessary for the Board to make a large loan. This means the payment of interest monies that might have been saved.

The quota accepted by the Nebraska Synod is $55,228.50, of which $39,819.95 has so far been paid in. Fifteen congregations—Zion, Benedict, Messiah, Broadwater; Emmanuel, Dakota City; Trinity, Dalton; Salem, Fremont; Grace, Hooper; Grace, Lewellen; Luther Memorial, Omaha; Trinity, Paxton; St. Mark's, Oshkosh; First, Potter; First,

Rising City; Trinity, Stamford; Emmanuel, Tekamah; Grace, West Point—have so far reached or exceeded their quotas. With a concerted, consecrated effort we can all go over the top. We can do it. We must do it. Let us, with the other supporting synods, give Midland a debt free men's dormitory.

Sixtieth Anniversary: In the providence of God Midland College has for the past 60 years been enabled uninterruptedly to serve the Lord and His Church by training young men for the Lutheran ministry and other young men and women for full-time missionary or other types of church work and also to give thousands of youth a Christian liberal arts education as a basis for leadership in other vocations. Only eternity can reveal the extent of the appreciation, give Midland a debt-free Men's Memorial Hall as a 60th anniversary present by going over the top on our campaign quota.

Accreditation: March 26, 1947, Midland College became accredited by the North Central Association. This places Midland on the same level with all the Universities and Colleges in this part of the United States.

WESTERN SEMINARY

Western Theological Seminary opened its current academic year on September 2, 1946, with 18 Students enrolled. In addition to these enrolled for residence work there are three students on leave of absence for a year for the purpose of gaining practical experience in the field. Those students come from 10 states of the Union and one foreign country—Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington. and Mexico. Nine synods are represented in the student body—California, Iowa, Kansas, Midwest, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Pacific, Rocky Mountain, and Texas.

There are eight seniors looking forward to graduation at the close of the second semester.

Several students engaged in survey work last summer, while others served congregations. All gained valuable practical experience.

Our Mexican Student, Carlos Guzman, has been carrying on mission work among the Mexicans in Omaha. He has also done some survey work among the Mexicans in Topeka, Kansas. Through the influence of Senor Guzman, and the help of friends, Senorita Jesucita Velez, a worker in the Omaha mission, has enrolled in the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse and Training School in Baltimore, Maryland, for the training in parish work.

The third annual Life Service Retreat was attended by 34 high school students. In this group 14 congregations were represented. One young man came from the University Lutheran Church in Seattle, Wash., and two young Mexican lads came from the Omaha mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1—That we continue to offer up fervent prayer to God, that wisdom and strength may be granted to our leaders in our College and Theological Seminary, and that His blessing may rest upon our

2—That we commend to our people the Living Endowment Foundation as an opportunity for definite service to the Church through Midland College.

3—That we seek to interest the women of our congregations in the Midland Women's Auxiliary.

4—That we put forth renewed effort to complete the Midland College Forward Campaign at the very earliest moment.

5—That Midland College and Western Theological Seminary be placed on the Synodical Apportionment of Synod in the amount of $1.05 for the College and 25c for the Seminary per communicant member.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. RUPLEY, Sr.

Dr. W. P. Hieronymus, President of Midland College, spoke to Synod concerning the interests of the college.

The tellers reported on the third ballot for Historian-Necrologist. Dr. L. H. Lesher was declared elected.

A motion carried "that the Synodical Historian be instructed to investigate the historical and inspirational value of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Dakota City, and that he further be instructed to make recommendations to Synod for its proper preservation and dedication as a Christian shrine."

The first ballot was taken for clerical members of the Executive Committee.

The following were nominated for lay members of the Executive Committee: W. A. Heuer, S. A. Wassum, A. R. Kuhlman, Wm. Kedde.

The first ballot was taken for law member of the Executive Committee. Pastors W. A. Klink, A. W. Young and Mr. Paul Palmquist were appointed tellers.

The tellers reported on the first ballot for clerical member of the Executive Committee. Dr. W. H. Traub was declared elected.

Dr. C. B. Harman, Vice President, was called upon to preside during the Report of the Missionary Committee.

Dr. J. C. Hershey, President of Synod and Missionary Superintendent, presented the Report of the Missionary Committee.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

The officers of this committee are Mr. Otto Nelson, president; Rev. J. C. Hershey, D. D., secretary; and Rev. A. H. Pinkall, treasurer.

Your committee in charge of the missionary work of Synod beg to submit the following report:

Four meetings were held during the year. Scarcity of pastors for missionary work has made it impossible to open new fields. Three congregations are being supported by the funds of the mission committee.

BELLEVUE was organized in 1944. Rev. P. O. Anderson having served this mission since 1944 accepted a call to Spencer and took up his work there April 1st. The population of Bellevue has become more stable and with the coming of the $10,000,000 electric plant we have great hopes for this field. A new parsonage has been purchased and a pastor has been called. The communing membership is forty five and the average attendance in the Sunday School for the year was forty. The Board of American Missions has granted a salary aid of $1,320.

COLUMBUS was organized in 1931. Rev. John Shiery became the pastor June 1, 1944. The communing membership is eighty-three and the enrollment of the Sunday School is forty-five. The apportioned benevolence has been paid in full for the third consecutive year, and the two year quota for Lutheran World Action has been met in full. The property is debt free. We commend the pastor and the congregation for their good work.

LUTHER MEMORIAL, OMAHA was organized in 1936. Rev. W. F. Most became the pastor May 1, 1943. The property is debt free having paid an indebtedness of $5,116 during the year. This congregation has paid 112% of its apportioned benevolence and has gone over the top in its quota for Lutheran World Action. At its annual meeting the congregation voted to proceed with a building program. The solicitation for funds is now in progress. The communing membership is 206 and the enrollment in the Sunday School is 120 with an average attendance of 118.

MEXICAN MISSION, OMAHA. Your committee is sponsoring work among the Mexicans in Omaha. Carlos Guzman, a second year student in Western Seminary, has been appointed as the missionary pastor. The work is under the supervision of Rev. A. H. Pinkall and his congregation. The confirmed members are made members of St. Luke's and commune there. Miss Jesucita Velez, a young lady in the mission, is now studying in the Mother House in Baltimore to prepare herself for parish work. The work among Mexicans may be expanded to other points during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Hershey, secretary

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Period Feb. 28, 1946 — Jan. 31, 1947

Depository — Stock Yards National Bank of South Omaha

Receipts

Balance on Hand Feb. 28, 1946	$ 717.78
Received from Ev. Luth. Synod of Nebraska	2000.00
Total Receipts plus Balance	$2717.78

Disbursements

Salary to Rev. J. C. Hershey (Missionary Supt.)	275.00	
Salary to Rev. W. F. Most (Luther Memorial)	403.37	
Salary to Rev. John Shiery (Columbus)	385.00	
Salary to Rev. G. E. Mortensen (Beatrice)	250.00	
Salary to Carlos Guzman (Mexican Mission)	340.00	
Remodeling of Mexican Mission	72.00	
For Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Bellevue	150.00	
Travel Exp. and meals for Committee	47.84	
Bonding of Treasurer, Rev. A. H. Pinkall	5.00	
Total Disbursements		1928.21
Balance on Hand Jan. 31, 1947		789.57

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. PINKALL, Treasurer.
Omaha, Nebraska,
February 2nd, 1947.

To the Missionary Committee,
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska;

This is to certify that the books of your Treasurer have been audited by me this 2nd day of February, 1947, and found correct.

Balance on hand as shown by Stock Yards National Bank of South Omaha, Nebraska, is	$856.24
Two (2) outstanding checks Nos. 68 and 69	66.67
Balance on hand as of January 31st, 1947	$789.57

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. Gamerl—Auditing committee.

The tellers reported on the first ballot for lay member of the Executive Committee. There was no election. The second ballot was taken.

The work of the American Bible Society was presented by Pastor H. Dumler, officially designated Representative.

SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION IN 1946

The American Bible Society reports a circulation of 11,394,200 volumes of Scriptures in 1946, nearly four million of which were distributed in this country. The circulation, by its four Negro agencies, working only among the Colored People in the U. S., was the highest since the organization of its first Negro agency in 1901.

Chaplains, returning to civilian life, continued to call for Scriptures, as occupational troops and those stationed at home were established in more permanent locations of a peace-time basis, while Scriptures were needed for men in Veterans Hospitals.

The Society's circulation abroad, exclusive of its agencies, which regularly work in more than forty countries, includes the distribution of specially printed Scriptures in languages spoken in the devastated areas of Europe, and to hundreds of thousands of refugees, whose

Bibles were destroyed or lost in their forced marchings. Scores of grateful letters have been received by the Society from the recipients of the books.

For the first time in many decades the American Bible Society has been able to make a shipment of Scriptures to Russia. The receipt of these books, presented to Archbishop Alexei of the Russian Orthodox Church of Moscow, on his visit to this country, has been acknowledged. The shipment contained 500 Ancient Greek New Testaments, which according to the acknowledgement were distributed among theological students, 5,000 Russian New Testaments and 100,000 Russian Gospels.

Hundreds of thousands of German prisoners of war, at work under guard in various parts of Europe, received Bibles, Testaments and Portions from the Society. Nearly three million Scriptures were sent to Latin Ameican countries. The Bible Society was unable to meet many demands, received from their agencies, for additional books. The agency in Rio de Janeiro informed the Society that if it might have 50,000 copies of the Portuguese Bible on their shelves, every one could be placed.

GERMANY: From Frau Peterson and her children, Bremen, Germany: "We are thankful with our whole heart for the Bible. Now must everything be all right. For you have given back to us faith in God and mankind. Much sorrow and grief has the war brought. May God grant our prayer—and let our dear Papa come home soon. He is still in Russia, a prisoner. Four Christmasses now we have been without him. May God in heaven give us the strength for a new world."

At the request of Dr. Hanns Lilje, one of the outstanding leaders of the evangelical churches of Germany, we have received estimates of the various materials not available in Germany which will be required for printing one million German Bibles. Happily paper mills, presses, and workmen are available, and contributions of the German churches will cover the costs, once the raw materials are in hand.

So far, the American Bible Society has purchased and shipped to Germany, or has ready for shipment:

361 tons of cellulose (for paper-making) from Finland or Sweden
100 tons of paper from the U. S. A.
45 tons of paper from Sweden
15 tons of binders board from the U. S. A.
15,000 yards of binding cloth
1,872,000 yards of thread.

JAPAN

Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan's great Christian evangelist, sends us this story of the use of the Scriptures in Japan: 'In a little village at Yose, in Kanagawa Prefecture, near Tokyo, about one thousand non-Christian young people bought the Bibles, and they have organized by themselves study groups, secured teachers to teach them the Bible twice a week, paying three Yen a month tuition. This is a remarkable example of the widespread interest in the Bible throughout Japan at present and of the earnest desire to study it."

During 1946 there were issued for Japan 383,000 New Testaments, and 360,356 Gospels at an approximate cost of $109,200. Most of these were shipped through the Chief of Chaplains in Tokyo to the Japan Bible Society. So great is the demand for these books that at the end of the year only 200 copies were left in the Japan Bible Society's office. There are no facilities for printing in Japan, and accordingly the American Bible Society is planning to produce in the United States 150,000 Bibles and 1,100,000 New Testaments at an estimated cost of $565,000. It is most important that these books be prepared and sent because the Christian forces in Japan are in the midst of an evangelistic campaign for 3 million new Christians in 3 years.

KOREA

From Mr. E. T. Chung, Secretary of the Korean Bible Society, we have this word: "The Korean Testaments have been credited as the most valuable gift . . . We cannot find really any suitable words to express our thanks.

"The National Council of the Korean Churches will also send a letter to your Society in a few days showing the thankful hearts in the union. In fact, all the Korean Christians, including the whole new believers, are very grateful for the American help, especially in receiving the Scriptures which will be the stone foundation for new Korea."

To the Korean Bible Society, through Chief of Chaplains in Seoul the American Bible Society has sent 54,675 New Testaments at a cost of $40,500. More are in the process of preparation.

TRANSLATIONS

In the year 1946 a translation of some part of the Scriptures, usuually a Gospel, was made in 12 new languages and dialects. In the first 46 years of the twentieth century the Bible in whole or in part has been translated into 512 different new languages and dialects. This is the equivalent of practically one language a month for each and every month of the 46 years.

LATER REPORTS

Figures of regular Bible distribution throughout the world have not yet been assembled. When available these distribution figures and other facts will be sent you in a later report

The tellers reported on the second ballot for lay member of the Executive Committee. Mr. W. H. Heuer was declared elected.

Mr. O. L. Sturtevant was nominated for lay member of the Trustees of Tabitha Home. The first ballot was taken.

At this point in the program, with the consent of Synod, Dr. O. W. Ebright was invited to speak concerning the interests of Tabitha Home.

The tellers reported on the first ballot for lay member of the Trustees of Tabitha Home. Mr. O. L. Sturtevant was declared elected.

Pastor Alvin Petersen, National Lutheran Council Student Pastor at Lincoln was introduced and spoke to Synod of his work.

Rev. Paul Bierstedt, Central Area Secretary of the Student Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council, was introduced and spoke concerning his work among students.

The first ballot was taken for Statistician. Pastors J. H. M. Shiery, Paul Wiegman and Mr. W. W. Kuenning were appointed tellers.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Pastor F. W. Henkel.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD OF THE U. L. C. A.

January 21, 1947

Dear Brethren: The committee on foreign missions corresponded with the Board of Foreign Missions hoping to have a foreign missionary on the Nebraska field during the Epiphany season. The reply always was the same "none available . . ." We were happy and thankful that "our" foreign missionaries found the doors again open to administer to those abroad.

The committee notified the pastors to observe their Foreign Mission Sunday with special programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Your committee
F. W. HENKEL
J. C. MILLER
PAUL DE FREESE
F. L. CRESS
H. C. CORDTS
O. L. STURTEVANT.

The Report of the Committee on Social Missions was presented by Pastor H. Dumler.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MISSIONS

The importance of Social Missions in the life of our Church is of great importance in these days. Many forces are at work undermining the spiritual life of the members of the church. A greater effort in the work of personal Evangelism is one of the answers.

Your Committee suggests that the men and women returned from service in the armed forces be urged to give themselves to the task of personal evangelism in the local congregation.

The Board sends out valuable material which pastors may well use in planning their congregational activity. The work of the board concerns itself with social action, our inner missions with its institutional work, evangelism, social relief, etc.

Social Missions deals with the practical expression of the spiritual life of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY DUMLER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORAL CHARGES

Your Committee reports no correspondence and no activity.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY J. GOEDE, Chairman.

The tellers reported on the first ballot for Statistician. Pastor R. V. Davis was declared elected.

The session adjourned. Prayer was offered by Pastor J. H. M. Shiery.

Executive Session 5 P. M.

A Report was requested from the Committee on Separation of Midland College and Western Seminary.

It was reported that a Committee representing our Synod, together with representatives from other Synods, attending a meeting in Omaha, sponsored by the Board of Education in accordance with the action of the Cleveland Convention for the purpose of exploring the desirability of merging seminaries. It had been reported to the Executive Committee of Synod at its meeting Jan. 27, 1947, that the Synodical Representatives attending the above named Omaha meeting gave assent to a proposal that supervision of Western Seminary be given to the Board of Education for a period of years. At this meeting of the Executive Committee of Synod (when said Report was given) a motion carried "that it is the judgment of this Committee that it is neither desirable nor necessary for the Board of Education to direct operation and administration of Theological Education (Western Seminary) on this territory at the present time." This action is reported under 8a of the Report of the Executive Committee.

A motion carried that Synod uphold the opinion of the Executive Committee as expressed in 8a of its Report.

The session adjourned. Prayer was offered by Pastor Paul Wiegman.

Ordination Service 8 P. M. Tuesday, April 15, 1947

The Ordination Service was conducted by the President of Synod assisted by the following pastors: Dr. C. B. Harman, Dr. J. B. Rupley, Pastor J. B. Rupley, Jr., Pastor W. F. Most, Pastor J. E. Messer, Pastor T. J. C. Schuldt.

The Ordination Sermon was delivered by Pastor J. E. Messer.

The following candidates were ordained: John Shirck, Kendig Rupley, Marvin Suhr, Harold Hamilton.

Wednesday Morning 8:45 A. M. April 16, 1947

The Matins Service was conducted by Pastor F. W. Kern, Litur-

gist. Dr. W. A. Klink spoke on the subject, "Seventy-Five Years of Worship." Music was provided by the Synodical choir under the direction of Pastor M. L. Dolbeer, Jr., Chorister.

The roll of Synod was called, forty-nine pastors and twenty-six lay delegates being present.

Pastor Harvey Clark, formerly of the Illinois Synod and recently called to the pastorate of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Omaha, was formally received into the membership of Synod.

Greetings were read from Chaplain W. M. Daubenspeck and Dr. A. O. Frank, Pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Minutes of the Tuesday afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved as corrected.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented its Report. A motion carried that the recommendations be adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Parish Life and Work was presented by Pastor Paul Wiegman, Chairman. Pastor Wiegman introduced Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, President of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Sturtevant introduced members of the Executive Committee of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society and spoke briefly of the program of this auxiliary.

Pastor Kern spoke on the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the possibilities of securing a Synod owned camp. Pastor Paul de Freese spoke concerning the coming session of the Luther League Camp, fee for which is to be $11.00. A motion carried that Synod underwrite the cost of the Luther League Camp in the event a cancellation of the camp contract by our Luther League is necessary. A motion carried that a committee be continued to investigate the possibilities of securing a Synod owned camp and bring a report of actual figures of cost.

THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARISH LIFE AND WORK

Your Committee on Parish Life and Work has been developing its own plans through experimentation and experience. This very likely will continue to be true.

Your committee has attempted thus far to perform the following functions: 1) Develop a total program of parish education for the congregations of Synod; 2) Awaken the congregations and the synod to an appreciation of the need and the value of parish education; 3) Correlate the educational activities of synod; 4) Cooperate with the Parish and Church School Board in forwarding the Board's program.

As you know your committee has been established by Synod. Membership of the Committee is selected and appointed by the Executive Committee of Synod. The work of the committee is such that sub-committees have been created to take care of specific responsibilities. Theat sub-committees and their chairman are: 1) Committee

on Parish School, Rev. H. J. Goede; 2) Committee on Men of the Church, Rev. A. H. Pinkall; 3) Committee on Women of the Church, Dr. G. K. Rubrecht; 4) Committee on Children of the Parish, Miss Amanda Jorn; 5) Committee on Youth of the Church, Rev. G. Gieschen.

A meeting of your committee was held on call early in the year to plan with the Parish and Church School Board representative, Arthur H. Getz, Synodical District Conference Meetings in the Nebraska and Midwest Synods, May 7-17, 1946. Those in Attendance at these meetings appreciated the privilege of having fellowship with pastors and workers of both Synods.

Application was made for a scholarship to Camp Nawakwa for the Rev. Paul de Freese and alternate, Mrs. Ruth Henricksen. The Parish and Church School Board has made ten scholarships available this year to synodical representatives who will spend three weeks in training atNawakwa and who will then return to their respective synods and take steps to introduce or improve the camping program in their own synods. Each scholarship will provide $10.00 for travelling and free room and board during the three weeks at Camp Nawakwa.

For ten years the trend of Sunday School enrollment in our United Lutheran Church in America was down, dropping from 832,000 in 1934 to 733,000 in 1944. In 1945 the enrollment went up again, not much but up. We have the assurance that it went up even more in 1946. Statistics are not in but our Synodical Statistician, the Rev. R. V. Davis, will reveal them in his annual report. Pastor Goede is promoting with fine success his Committee on Parish or Church School. Demonstration Programs will be conducted during the coming year in many synods by Pastor Avery. The year 1948 has been set aside as Enlistment Year. In the meantime the order is full speed ahead in enlistment in 1947 too.

The slogan for the 1947 Parish Education Month will be Improve Increase! Inspire! The idea is to improve the schools to take care of the increase in 1946, 1947, and especially in 1948; to prepare for the special year on enlistment in 1948; and to inspire for all activities. The Board has set aside the year 1949 as Leadership Year. It is the feeling that with the expected increase by 1949 there will be a great demand for more and better leaders. Our efforts will be directed in that way.

According to the action of the Parish and Church School Board, the Nebraska Synod is included in the territory assigned to the young people's division for 1947. As the representative of the young people's division, the Rev. Lawrence M. Reese will offer any service syond might desire. His immediate offer is that of an itinerary, April 21 to May 4. He is eager to use the time allotted to our synod in the best possible way. The Board's general interest in these itineraries is parish education. His specialized interest is young people's work. However, before this itinerary is completed your committee will confer with the Executive Board of synod and obtain approval.

Although your committee does not claim any credit for this, we should like to cite an example of what our sub-committee, the Com-

mittee on Women of the Church, hopes will materialize in other congregations. We refer to the reorganization of the women of the Salem congregation, Fremont. At a meeting on January 16 this year, a new organization including all the women of the congregation was affected. The program of work of existing women's organizations in the congregation was transferred to the new organization. The name "Women's Guild" was selected for the new organization. In a general way the work of the women will be the same in the congregation as it has been. The hope is that there will be less overlapping and perhaps fewer meetings for many of the members. The purpose is to accomplish the work through one organization which was formerly carried on separately by several organizations. We offer this as a suggestion to correlate the work of the children, the youth, and the men of the church in our congregations.

We might announce here that the International Council of Religious Education will hold its 21st convention in Des Moines, Iowa, July 23-27, 1947. Anyone may go. Registration cards may be secured from the Parish and Church School Board. The registrations should be sent directly to the office of the International Council of Religious Education, 203 N. Wabash Avenue,, Chicago, Ill.

Any school or congregation may secure the use of returned service personnel as speakers in Sunday Schools by direct request to the speakers themselves up to June, 1947. Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents should have the list of the speakers available.

We wish to thank every member of your committee for the time, talent and treasure expended during the past year. Special thanks is due to Rev. G. Gieschen for his untiring efforts to promote youth work in synod. We mention him particularly as we have lost him to the Wartburg Synod. Pastor Gieschen's work on your committee .as been most commendable.

Your Committee on Parish Life and Work, in the spirit of Christ, comes to the congregations to minister, not to be ministered unto. We solicit suggestions and opportunities to help. We offer the pastors our thanks and our hearty co-operation in their work.

Sincerely submitted,

PAUL WIEGMAN

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SCHOOLS

The work of the Synodical Committee on Parish Schools has consisted mostly of acting as a clearing house for the correspondence from the Parish and Church School Board, and arranging for the four two-day conferences held in Nebraska May, 1946. These conferences were attended by workers of the Nebraska Synod and Midwest Synod, and were held as follows:

May 7- 8, Grace Church, Lincoln.
May 9-10, St. Johns, Scribner.

May 13-14, First St. Pauls, Hastings.
May 16-17, Trinity, Sidney.

The four men sent into the field by the Parish School Board were —Arthur H. Getz, Erwin S. Spees, Earl S. Rudisill, and Reginald W. Deitz.

According to available figures, Church School attendance in the Synod is on the increase, schools are better staffed, and the Church School is beginning to take its proper place in the life of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY J. GOEDE, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

For the year ending June 30, 1946

As reported to Synod in April, 1947

The Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska held its annual convention in conjunction with Midland Assembly in Fremont, August 5 to 10, 1946. Copies of the program, printed reports and the minutes have been placed in the hands of the Secretary of Synod.

During the year ending June 30, 1946, we reported 60 Societies, a gain of 6, with a membership of 1217. Funds amounting to $11,023.25 were handled through the Treasury during the year, an increase of $1,735.96. During the Triennium the women of Nebraska gave for the cause of missions $27,547.13, an increase of $9,396.28 over the previous Triennium. Included in this amount was $2,384.52 for the Triennial Objective.

The Statistical report shows that more of our women than ever before are interested in completing the Reading Course and in the use of the programs as edited by the General Society. There has been an increase in the number of magazine subscriptions and in the number of public Thank Offering meetings held. The number of boxes sent to the various mission fields totaled 338, against 95 last year.

The Spring Conferences were held as usual with Mrs. C. W. Baker, Jr. as guest speaker. The Cash Box Work Offering from these Conferences went into a fund for Helen Evans, Nebraska missionary serving in Liberia. The amount received was $235.60 and from this fund a typewriter has been purchased and sent to Miss Evans. Other articles will be purchased as needed.

The purpose of the Women's Missionary Society from its inception has been to augment the work of the Church—to add strength and increase her accomplishment in carrying out the Saviour's Great Commission, "Go, make disciples of all men."

The members of Synod have always been very gracious and helpful as we have tried to carry out this objective, and for this we are deeply grateful.

Officers elected at the 1946 Convention were as follows: President, Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, Lincoln; Vice-President, Mrs. Lad J. Skocpol, Crete; Secretary, Miss Ruth Selheimer, Omaha; Statistician, Mrs. E. C. Mortensen, Paxton; Treasurer, Miss Alta Schafersman, Fremont; Executive Board Members, Mrs. W. A. Klink, West Point, and Miss Bertha Krohn, Lincoln.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. L. STURTEVANT, President.

PARISH LIFE AND WORK (Men of the Church)

We urge Pastors and laymen to cooperate in our Brotherhood work. There are great possibilities for this work in our Synod. May each member of the Synod strive for: "A Brotherhood in every Congregation of Nebraska Synod."

A. H. PINKALL, Chairman of Men of the Church.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNODICAL BROTHERHOOD

To the Officers, Pastors and Lay-delegates of the Evangelical Luther Synod of Nebraska in Convention at Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, April 14-16, 1947.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

The Synodical Brotherhood extends to the Nebraska Synod their sincere congratulations on this their 75th Anniversary. When a person has reached the age of 75, he is called an old man with not much strength left to do great things. This however is not true of an organization, such as a Synod of the United Lutheran Church. An old man may look back upon his past achievements, the Synod can do that too, but must keep looking forward to the future, doing those things which are and shall be the upbuilding and furthering of God and His Kingdom.

We the men of the Brotherhood feel proud to have been, with the help of God, for thirty (30) years a part of the Synod as its Men's Auxiliary, working as laymen side by side with the pastors. In recent years this has been forcefully shown in the increase of the benevolence and also Lutheran World Action. The Sixth Objective of the Brotherhood has stimulated the men to do to the fullest extent what is required of them by this objective. Our prayer will be, that God's Grace will be upon the Synod in the years to come, that the Lord will raise up leaders within the organization, to lead it on to greater things and the bringing of many a soul to Christ our King. It is also our prayer that the Brotherhood may be of greater help and assistance.

This only can be accomplished when each member of the Synod will work towards this: "A Brotherhood in every Congregation of the Synod."

Wish to report that there are 19 organizations on the roll of the Synodical Brotherhood, of which 16 are reported in good standing.

This is only a very small percentage of the 58 congregations in the Synod, leaving therefore much room for improvement.

Our heartfelt thanks to the officers and Executive committee of the Synod for the help given us in the years gone by and for the extended time given for the Brotherhood convention. May we ask that the same consideration that was given to the outgoing officers, be accorded also to the newly elected officers of the Synodical Brotherhood in the days to come.

God's blessing upon this the 75th Anniversary Convention of the Nebraska Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. KEDDE, PRESIDENT.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION OF THE PARISH LIFE AND WORK COMMITTEE

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, in Convention assembled at Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, April 14-17, 1947.

The return to normal conditions in the young people's work of Synod is indicated by the fact that at the last convention of the Luther League of Nebraska, held at Camp Sheldon, Columbus, Aug. 25th to 30th, 1946, the office of president could again be turned over to the young people themselves. A fine set of officers now heads this organization, and there is every reason to expect that its affairs will be efficiently managed from now on. Much credit is due to Rev. W. F. Most, who served as president during the year 1945-46, for laying the ground-work of the improvement that has come about.

The camp period was very successful. Registrations totaled 129. A staff of eleven leaders and teachers conducted the program of worship, study, and activities. Visual education was again used very effectively. A new development was introduced in the form of organized club activities for the afternoon. Of these the Choral Club and the Liturgical Society were the most successful.

Rallies have been held in most of the districts in the spring and fall. Five districts adopted the proposed constitution. In the matter of district organization and activity, the interest of the pastors is indispensable. This matter cannot be left to the young people alone. Our whole youth program can be revitalized through the rallies, if all pastors will lend their support.

The dates for the Luther League Camp this summer have been tentatively set at August 17th to 22nd.

Following is the financial report of the Young People's Division of the Parish Life and Work Committee:

Receipts:		
Balance on hand Feb. 6, 1946		$ 37.09
Received from Synod of Nebraska		75.00
Registration fees at camp		129.00
Received for meals, etc., at camp		914.70
		$1155.79
Disbursements:		
Camp Sheldon	$812.44	
Film and Projector Rental	60.00	
Other camp expense	15.00	
Traveling expenses (Camp staff)	60.00	
Traveling expenses (Speakers)	12.20	
Traveling expenses (Promotion)	23.20	
Supplies	4.64	
Telephone	1.65	
Postage	6.92	
Express, Bank Draft	1.34	
Refunds	4.00	
Lesson Material	16.11	
Camp movies (film)	17.10	
		$1034.60
Balance on hand Jan. 23, 1947		$121.19

Respectfully submitted,
G. GIESCHEN.

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE

The annual convention of the Luther League of the Nebraska Synod was held at Camp Sheldon, Columbus, Nebraska, August 25-30, 1946, concurrently with the encampment. The enrollment reached 130. The following officers were elected: President, Gerard Kern, 325 East 10th, Fremont; First Vice-President, Waldo Hansen, 1422 Garfield, Lincoln; Second Vice-President, Evelina Meyer, Scribner; Third Vice-President, Clyde Luther, Hooper; Recording Secretary, Marialice Eckley, Tekamah; Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Young, 5823 Miama, Omaha; Treasurer, Carol Munson, 321 Park Ave., Omaha. The camp, under the direction of the Rev. G. Gieschen, was an inspiration to all.

The convention made the following recommendations:

1. That in view of the fact that we now have an increased number of Intermediate Luther Leagues that an Intermediate Secretary be appointed to promote that phase of the League.

2. That in order to keep in line with the national Luther League Golden Jubilee Convention, July, 1946: a) The Luther League of Nebraska go on the apportionment basis, with the Executive Committee sending out the apportionment to each League, and, b) Every League assume its responsibility for carrying out the Missionary Project calling for $25,000 as set up by the Luther League of America for the years 1947-49.

3. That we close the Midland Sign Project and urge completion of these signs with funds that are available.

4. That the balance of this fund, if any, be placed in a special fund for some particular furnishing of the chapel in the new Men's Memorial Dormitory.

5. That our Synodical Project for the year 1946-47 be the raising of funds for the furnishing of the chapel in the Men's Memorial Dormitory.

The Executive Committee of the Luther League of Nebraska met in Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fremont, September 29, 1946. The following departmental officers appointed by the president were approved by the Committee: Life Service Secretary, the Rev. F. W. Henkel, Auburn; Publicity Secretary, the Rev. Paul de Freese, Hooper; Extension Committee Chairman, the Rev. Paul Weigman, Tekamah. The 14-Point Program was read and accepted, and ordered printed as a poster and distributed to all Leagues. The Committee accepted the apportionment plan of support of the national Luther League. This plan was adopted at the last national convention of the Luther League of America. The apportionment amounts to $1.00 per capita. Of this amount thirty cents stays in the state and seventy cents is sent to national headquarters.

The 1947 camp will be held at Camp Sheldon, Columbus, on August 17-22. The Rev. Paul de Freese was elected Camp Director by the Executive Committee at its meeting in Salem Church, Fremont, on January 26, 1947. He will succeed the Rev. G. Gieschen, who will leave the Nebraska Synod.

Before the synodical convention, but after the writing of this report, the annual Officer's and Worker's Conference will have been held at Salem Church, Fremont, on March 2. The Rev. Paul Weigman, Promotional Secretary of the League, was elected chairman of the conference.

Negotiations are in progress concerning the erection of two Midland College signs. We hope that by the time of the synodical convention that these signs will have been erected. These signs will cost $128.50 each.

Three of the six districts held rallies during the year. Those who did so were the Fremont, Omaha, and Wayne districts.

The Fall Rally of the Fremont district was held at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Sunday, November 17, at 3:00 p. m. Elected officers for the next year were: President, Bob Hartwig, Fremont; Vice-President, Lois Stigile, Hooper; Secretary, Doris Lang, Fremont; Treasurer, Fern Christensen, Columbus. Miss Myrtle Wilkie, a missionary from Argentina, was guest speaker at the banquet.

The Omaha district held their Fall Rally also on Sunday, November 17, at 3:00 p. m. Officers for the next year were elected, and are as follows: President, Shirley Robertson; Vice-President, James Pettit; Secretary, Dick Beckman; Treasurer, Patricia Carr; Pastor Advisors, the Rev. W. F. Most of Luther Memorial Church and the Rev. Dolbeer of Kountze Memorial Church. Colored motion pictures

that were taken of the Leaguers at Camp Sheldon this summer were shown after the dinner hour.

The Wayne district Rally was held at South Sioux City on November 24 and was attended by 44 young people. The officers elected were: President, Marjorie Lieber; Vice-President, Duane Bobier; Secretary, Jeanne Henderson; Treasurer, Ila J. Surber.

The Luther League of America has adopted as its missionary project the responsibility of a lay worker for China and the building of the Peace High School at Skeldon, British Guiana. It was decided by the Luther League of America to use the year 1947 to push the China phase of our project. As of December, 1946, there have been eleven young people who have volunteered to go to China. It is estimated that $3500 is required to send one person for one year.

I am happy to report at this time that there are thirty-two congregational Luther Leagues affiliated with the Synodical League.

A summary of the treasurer's report is as follows:

Balance on hand August 25, 1946		$441.28
Receipts:		
Apportionment and Dues	$ 70.70	
Missionary Project	28.50	
Honor and Memorial Membership	15.00	
Total Receipts		$114.20
Total		$555.48
Disbursements:		
Missionary Project	57.00	
Honor and Memorial Membership	34.00	
Executive Committee Expenses	55.91	
Total Disbursements		$146.91
Balance on hand January 30, 1947		$408.57

Respectfully submitted,

GERARD N. KERN, President.

REPORT OF CAMP COMMITTEE

The Camp Committee was appointed toward the end of the synodical year. The layman appointed to the committee, Mr. Albert Hedelund, found it impossible to serve. The clerical members of the committee, G. Gieschen and Fred W. Kern, met once and also discussed the problem by mail.

Helpful suggerstions were received from the Rev. George Eller, Beloit, Kansas, who has given many years of service to Camp Wa-Shun-Ga, Kansas. Suggestions were also sought from other people

experienced in camp construction and conduct. The following considerations can be reported:

1. The success of a camp depends on such features as water for boating and swimming, shade at all times, all-weather accessibility, natural beauty, and sufficient acreage.

2. The purchase of land and the erection of essential buildings will require many thousands of dollars. It does not pay to put up temporary buildings. Termites destroy buildings located in shady and often moist places. Concrete foundations and floors are recommended.

3. In order to make a camp self-sustaining, even after it is bought, built, and paid for, it must be in constant use all summer. This requires a full-time staff.

4. Some of our larger eastern synods require a camp for so many groups that the need of controlling their own camps is apparent. On our territory we would have to depend on revenue from rental to other groups, except for possibly two or three weeks reserved for our own use.

5. In an inter-Lutheran venture the question of title and ownership would probably require incorporation and the election of trustees.

6. The possibility of sharing a camp with a neighboring ULC synod might be considered.

These considerations may seem negative. There are obviously many benefits derived from a camp. Their value has been established.

It remains for us to determine whether the spiritual value will justify us in trying to own our own camp. If Synod wants a camp and is prepared to launch a financial campaign for that purpose another committee should be appointed to bring in actual figures. Such a committee will need an expense account for travel and preliminary layout plans.

Respectfully submitted,
G. GIESCHEN
FRED W. KERN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHILDREN OF TH CHURCH

Very successful Vacation Bible Schools were held in most congregations last summer and were two or three weeks in duration. Some churches are planning on a four weeks school next summer. The Children of The Church Units of study were used in almost every school.

A number of inspiring Children's Festival Services were held in various communities of Synod.

The financial end of the Synodical Children's Program keeps up well with the fine records of previous years. But the "all-year-round" educational program designed to supplement the program of the Sunday School has been "sold" to the people of our churches. Now, if only, we can, with God's help, bring about the same interest in the

"all-year-round" Children's Spiritual enrichment program.

May God's Spirit so guide our synodical and local congregational leaders that no less emphasis be put on the promotion of the Children's Program than is placed on the Program of Christian guidance of the adults of our churches.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That if they so desire—the pastors may discuss the Children of The Church program at Synod and give suggestions to the Children of the Church Committee for future guidance and help.

2. That since the Parish and Church School Board plans to revise the Children of The Church study materials in the near future—May any pastors who realize changes that would be advisable, please send their suggestions in to the General Children of The Church Secretary, Miss Eleanor M. Stelzner, Muhlenberg Bldg., 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

3. (This is only a suggestion from personal experience)—Having worked with children for some time under the present set-up of The Children of The Church Program, and also when it was sponsored by the auxiliary of the Church—the Woman's Missionary Society as Light Brigade—and having found many more congregational groups of children active the year round formerly than now under the present set up—should it be suggested that the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of the Church should again take the responsibility of the promotion of the Children's "year-round program?" As the Women's Missionary Society have an admirable educational program for themselves, they would wish no less to be promoted for their children. At best it is a lonely and difficult task for a congregational Children's secretary to try to promote the Children's program without some official group or auxiliary to back him or her in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

AMANDA JORN, Chairman,

Children of The Church Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Conference Minutes was presented by Pastor H. Joens. A motion carried to adopt the recommendation contained in Memorial 1 from the North Platte Conference. A motion carried to adopt Memorial 2 from the North Platte Conference subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church In America.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE MINUTES

Your committee has examined the minutes of the Western Conference and the North Platte Conference. The South Platte Conference Minutes were not available. The Western Conference met at Broadwater, Rev. Raymond Bartels, pastor, November 12-13, 1946. There were no recommendations or memorials to the Synod.

The North Platte Conference met at Hooper Nov. 11-12, 1946, Rev. Paul de Freese, pastor.

The Conference passed the following resolutions: 1. That the conference memorialize Synod to make a study of group insurance for hospitalization and accident for clerical members of Synod. 2. That the North Platte Conference memorialize Executive Committee of Synod to invite the executive committees of the National Lutheran Council Bodies on this territory to appoint representatives to confer as to the feasibility of establishing a joint Lutheran Camp for the use of both Youth and Adult groups, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the U. L. C. A.

Respectfully submitted

The Committee

Herman Joens
F. J. Brazda
Foster L. Cress

The Report of the Committee on President's Report was presented by Pastor F. W. Henkel. A motion carried that the Report be accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We, your Committee, have examined the Report of the President and note that there has been increased activity in all phases of the church's work.

We, the Committee, find further that due to the efforts of the President of Synod and his Committee the Diamond Jubilee of Synod has been well emphasized.

May we as pastors and laymen resolve at this Diamond Jubilee Anniversary of our beloved Synod, to pledge our President our sincere interest, our whole-hearted support and above all our earnest prayers in this urgent hour of our great church.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Henkel
Karl Gigstad
Marius Christensen

Dr. C. B. Harman, Vice President, was called upon to preside during the Report of the Committee on Constitution.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution was presented by President J. C. Hershey.

COMMITTEE ON NEW CONSTITUTION

Your committee on new constitution recommends that the present constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska be repealed and that the "Suggested Constitution for Constituent Sy-

nods of the United Lutheran Church" with the following changes, deletions, and additions be adopted as the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

Page three, Article One, The Synod, Section 1, The Name and The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Page 6, Article Three, Section 1, The Officers, Item 2 add the word "five" in first line between words "be" and "years."

Page 7, Article Three, Secion II, The President, Item 1, add the word "fourth" in second line between the words "the" and "month". Add to the same "He shall give his entire time to the work of his Synodical office."

Page 7, Section II,--The President, Item 6, Begin with the sentence, "He shall appoint all committees not specially named or elected by Synod."

Page 8, Section IV--The Treasurer, Item 1, add "fourth" in second line between the words "the" and "month".

Page 13, Middle of page, C "The Committee of 'Inner' Missions" be changed to "The Committee on 'Social' Missions."

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. RUPLEY
H. G. WELLENSICK
J. C. HERSHEY, chmn.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Pastor L. H. Lesher. A motion carried that the Resolutions be adopted.

Your committee submits the following resolutions:

Be it resolved:

1. That we express our genuine appreciation to Dr. Franklin C. Fry, President of The United Lutheran Church in America, for his helpfulness and guidance during the sessions of Synod and for his revealing and challenging messages to Synod.

2. That we express our sincere appreciation to Pastor Kern, Church Council, and the congregation of Salem Lutheran Church for their hospitality and courtesies extended to Synod and to its visitors. We request that this resolution be read at one of the Services.

3. That we thank the organist and church choir for music at the Worship Services, and the ushers for their courteous helpfulness.

4. We thank Midland College Art Department, Miss Anna Krienheder, instructor, for display banners at the church and city auditorium.

5. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson for arranging 75th Anniversary historical display of the several congregations.

6. That Synod pay $30.00 to Salem Church for Janitor and stenographic services during Convention.

7. That we urge our pastors and congregations to definite and full cooperation in observing the 30th Anniversary of the ULCA by raising the ULCA apportionment 200% and Synodical apportionment 100%.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. Lesher
G. E. Mortensen
Paul Palmquist

Resolutions Committee

A motion carried that the printing of addresses delivered at this 75th Anniversary Convention be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The Report of the Committee on Claims was presented by Pastor J. H. M. Shiery. A motion carried that the Report be received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

No Claims have been received by this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee,

Rev. J. H. M. Shiery
Rev. J. A. Jacobs
E. B. Torrey

There being no invitation for the next meeting of Synod a motion carried that the Executive Committee be authorized to arrange the time and place of the next meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Protocol was presented by Pastor K. Gigstad. A motion carried that the Report be received.

The committee examined the Protocol and printed minutes and find the following error.

United Lutheran Church of Spencer is listed in the Protocol but does not appear in the printed minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Gigstad
J. H. M. Shiery
John B. Rupley, Jr.

Pastor H. J. Goede spoke on the Report of the Committee on New Congregations and Pastoral Charges. A motion carried that the following Recommendation be adopted, "That a Committee be appointed to facilitate the enforcement of the ULCA rules and regulations in regard to church polity and practise, regarding, among others, the administration of the Sacraments, method of membership accessions, membership rolls, lodge membership."

The Report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by Pastor A. W. Young. Motions carried adopting recommendations 1, 2 and 3 as amended.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Your committee is glad to report as shown by the Treasurer's Statement twenty-six churches paying 100% or more on apportioned benevolence during 1946 with a total paid of better than $50,000. Both break all records in the history of our synod.

For this evidence of God's goodness to us we are humbly and truly thankful and pray for a continuance of His blessing. Much, however, remains to be done. Fifty-six per cent of our churches still lack the vision of a church triumphantly moving forward to a complete compliance with His will, "Render unto God the things that are God's." Pastors should see that all benevolences in the church treasury are remitted each month, that the treasurer of synod may in turn remit monthly as required by synod.

Your Stewardship Committee authorized the president of Synod to present at the President's Conference to be held in Columbus, March 4, 5, 6, the matter of allocating quotas of L.W.A. on a communing membership rather than a confirmed membership basis.
Recommendations:

1. That the President be authorized to appoint representatives to appear before Church Councils and congregations to present the cause of Lutheran World Action with a view to attaining our goal.
2. That congregations that have not met their quota for Midland College be urged to complete the campaign before the end of 1947.
within its power to attain the objective.
3. That since the U.L.C. is asking a special 30th Anniversary Thank Offering for 1948, be it resolved that our Synod do all within its power to attain the objective, and that the Stewardship Committee be authorized to arrange for rallies and visits in the congregations of Synod using the promotional material provided by the Church for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Stewardship Committee

Mr. F. E. Wood.
Pastor A. W. Young
Pastor F. W. Henkel
Mr. W. F. Kedde
Mr. O. G. Nelson

The Report of the Committee on Synodical Paper was presented by Dr. J. C. Hershey. A motion carried adopting the Recommendation.

SYNODICAL PAPER

The Nebraska Synod Lutheran was printed five times during the past year. The cost for the five issues was $461.82. The new form appeals more to the pastors and congregations. A few pastors have increased their number and state that they mail them out to all members and prospects.

Your committee on Synodical Paper recommends that $750 be appropriated for 1948.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. MORTENSEN
F. W. HENKEL
W. A. KLINK
J. C. HERSHEY

Pastor Paul Wiegman spoke on his Report as Reporter to The Lutheran.

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL REPORTER TO "THE LUTHERAN"

Sometime during September 1946, Dr. Martin Schroeder felt obliged to resign as THE LUTHERAN correspondent from the Midwest Synod. G. Elson Ruff, editor of THE LUTHERAN asked your synodical reporter to report the news of the state of Nebraska, which would now include Midwest Synod news as well as Nebraska Synod. Your synodical reporter consented to undertake the added work, and he has endeavored to report such items of interest as were brought to his atttention. Of course, you must understand that the news editor of THE LUTHERAN rewrites your synodical reporter's copy as much as necessary in his office. As Editor Ruff explains it, "Naturally we see your news somewhat objectively, in terms of the interests of our readers in all sections." Again he says, "Write at as great length as you wish, giving the whole story, and let us do the condensing when necessary."

One thing our congregations should be developing, and which may sometime become very important, is congregational committees on publicity. If each congregation had a newspaper man, or someone with a flair for journalism, officially appointed to provide the local news to newspapers and to THE LUTHERAN through your synodical reporter, we would be a long way on the road.

Material often comes from the Nebraska area to the office of THE LUTHERAN directly from pastors. Their policy is to check this copy against what your synodical reporter has sent, and if it is advisable and timely to add it to his material. Ordinarily all news information from the Nebraska area should come from your synodical reporter, but he nor the staff of THE LUTHERAN cannot very well prohibit pastors from writing directly.

There are sometimes questions regarding pictures. A grey monotone picture is of no value for reproduction. There must be light and shade. Sharp contrasts and clarity of detail are marks of a good photo. A newspaper photographer, thoroughly experienced and using the right equipment, will usually get good pictures; that's why THE LUTHERAN prefers professional photos when available. Of course once in a while a picture is so important that even though poor it is worth their while having an artist retouch it. They take care of that in their office. Again let me say that pictures should be mailed to me at the earliest possible moment, without waiting for the news story they accompany. When sending pictures please be tender with the photo printing paper. To attach a caption by means of a paper clip, or to write a caption on the back of the photograph, often leaves a mark which cannot be removed. It is best to type a description of a picture and paste it to the print or give it a code number which is also lettered at the bottom of the print.

The following are considered first-class news: 1) Beginning of a mission congregation. We should know interesting circumstances of the localities in which they are initiated, which constitute the reason for their selection. Also something regarding the pastor who is going in to do the work, and related information. 2) Another important theme is in community or parish programs of evangelism. Particularly if a church census has been taken, the detailed results are of news interest. The enlistment of workers, their campaign, and the results of the effort are all interesting in this connection. 3) Another would be the initiation of new programs of parish education. 4) Church construction and dedication of buildings are news, particularly in the next year or two when there will probably be a good many.

Anniversaries, unless of outstanding historic importance, should be treated rather briefly. Various conventions have news interest largely on the basis of good quotations from speeches made, announcement of major decisions reached, and of course elections of officers. To list speakers and merely give the titles of their addresses will not prove very interesting.

You can be particularly helpful in sending newspaper clippings regarding all kinds of church activity in your vicinity. If you keep your eye on the sort of thing THE LUTHERAN has continually in the "Church in the News" you have a pretty good idea of what they are after.

Your synodical reporter is counting on you men to be the eyes and ears of THE LUTHERAN.

Yours hopefully,

PAUL WIEGMAN.

The Report of the Committee on Publications was presented by Pastor C. J. Olson. A motion carried that the Recommendations be adopted.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Your Committee on Publications desires to recommend the following:

1. THAT Pastors and Laymen be urged to peruse carefully the reviews of new books in "The Lutheran" and other periodicals published by the United Lutheran Church and also be encouraged to secure and read as many of these as possible.

2. THAT Book Clubs be organized in our Congregations as suggested in our report last year and also in "The Nebraska Synod Lutheran."

3. THAT the members of our Congregations be advised to select books as gifts to relatives and friends instead of other things of less value.

4. THAT the Pastors and others be requested to report to the Committee whenever they discover promising literary talents in their Congregations which might develop into authorship.

5. THAT the Pastors and others be asked to send to the Chairman of this Committee any helpful suggestions or constructive criticism of the present publication activities of our Church. This is being requested by the Board of Publication. We want to realize the maximum in this as in all other departments.

6. The Committee is happy to recommend the following new books: :

(a) A MANUAL ON WORSHIP by Paul Z. Strodach.
(b) ROAD TO REFORMATION—Translated by J. W. Doberstein and Theodore G. Tappert.
(c) FROM DAY TO DAY by J. Henry Harms.
(d) POWER FOR PEACE by O. Frederick Nolde.
(e) THE WORLD OF JUSTUS FALCKNER by D. C. Clark.
(f) A HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT, Volume II, by Dr. J. L. Neve and Dr. O. W. Heick.
(g) AN OUTLINE OF MISSIONS by John Aberly.
(h) TO THEE WE SING by Frank and Catherine Herzel.
(i) CHRIST OR CONFUSION by H. Torrey Walker.
(j) THE HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS by Ralph D. Heim.
(k) LUTHERAN LITURGY by Luther D. Reed.

Resepectfully submitted,
CARL J. OLSON, Chairman
ENRICH PETERSEN
R. V. DAVIS.

The Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was presented by Pastor W. F. Most. A motion carried that the Recommendations be adopted.

COMMITTEE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Your Committee on Leave of Absence recommends that the following be excused from those sessions at which they were not present: The Rev. O. D. Baltzy, D.D.,L.L.D., The Rev. J. S. Leamer, D.D., the Rev. Harry Mumm, the Rev. W. T. Kahse, D.D., the Rev. George Moeller, Carlos Guzman, the Rev. E. A. Dorner, the Rev. W. M. Daubenspeck, Missionaries Wm. Holz, P. A. Magalee, and E. F. Rohfling; Lay delegates, George Bartels and Arthur Armbright of Salem, Dakota City, Sophus Hansen and Louis. Jepperson, Louis Rodenbrock, Will Wendte, I. G. Enke, Everett Norquest, Wm. Hahle, Albert Felderman, Herman Kirckoff, C. G. Berquist, Harry Tilgner, be excused from all sessions; that Rev. A. W. Young, Rev. R. R. Pfeiffer , Rev. E. C. Peterson, Dr. G. H. Hartwig, Dr. Walter Beck, the Rev. W. G. Wise, Mr. O. Nelson and Mr. Virgil Stone, Rev. G Krebs, Otto Muhle, R. B. Jenny, A. R. Kuhlman, Alvin Hoefker, Edgar Havekost, Melford Young and Russell Fletcher be excused from those sessions at which they were not present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Miller

W. F. Most

Mr. P. C. Hillegas

Dr. Fry spoke to Synod on the subject of Lutheran World Action.

A motion carried that the time of this session be extended thirty minutes in order to provide additional time for the presentation of Lutheran World Action.

A motion carried that the afternoon session begin at 1:40 P. M.

The session adjourned. Prayer was offered by Pastor A. H. Pinkall.

Wednesday Afternoon **1:40 P. M.** **April 16, 1947**

The session was opened with prayer by Pastor G. Krebs.

Roll Call was deferred until the close of the session.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rev. Wm. Goldbeck, Axtell, Nebr., spoke on the Institutional Chaplaincy Service supervised by the National Lutheran Council.

The Report of the Midland Assembly was presented by Pastor A. H. Pinkall.

REPORT ON MIDLAND ASSEMBLY

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Midland Summer Assembly for Church Workers was held August 4-9, 1946, on the Midland College Campus in Fremont, Nebraska. The Rev. R. E. Rangeler of Tabitha Home was in charge of the morning devotions.

Two hours each morning were devoted to credit courses as follows: Dr. C. Franklin Koch—"The Church and Social Action."

Rev. Joseph W. Frease—"Youth Work in the Church."

Dr. Earl Rudisill—"Understanding our Pupils."

The Pastor's Hour was conducted by Dr. R. R. Belter, President of Wartburg Synod.

The Inspirational lectures for the entire assembly were given by—Dr. C. F. Koch, Dr. R. R. Belter, Rev. Karl Henry, Dr Earl Rudisill and Miss Myrtle Wilke.

The Rev Karl S. Henry, S.T.M. Secretary of the Division of Survey and Research of the Board of American Missions was in charge of the afternoon sessions for the men.

The Junior Assembly for children from 3 to 12 years of age was conducted under the able leadership of Miss Amanda Jorn and Miss Mary Marx.

During 1946, our congregational organizations contributed $396 for Midland Assembly. Freewill offerings at sessions amounted to $90.42, Gift from the Synodical Missionary Society $100, Sale of Literature $34.62. The total receipts were $621.04. These are the only financial means of support for our Midland Assembly.

The total expense for faculty, including transportation and entertainment, publicity, and administration expense amounted to $601.68.

Our 25th MIDLAND ASSEMBLY will be held again at Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, August 10-15, 1947. Our faculty will consist of the following:

1. Dr. Arthur H. Getz, a member of the Editorial staff of the Parish and Church School Board, will offer a course on Visual aids in Christian Education.
2. Dr. Royal Lesher, the new director of Evangelism, Board of American Missions.
3. Dr. Paul A. Kirsch, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Board of American Missions will offer a course.
4. Mrs. A. J. Fenner will offer a course for Primary and Beginner Church School Teachers.
5. Miss Dora Finley, Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church at Sioux City, Iowa, will offer a daily one hour course of music to the intermediates.
6. Dr. H. D. Hoover of the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg will have charge of the Pastor's Hour.
7. Dr. Syre, of Western Seminary of Fremont, Nebraska, has consented to have charge of the Bible Study for the entire Assembly.
8. Miss Amanda Jorn, of Falls City, Nebraska, will be Junior Assembly Director.

The officers elected for the year are: President, A. H. Pinkall, Omaha; Vice President, Paul DeFreese, Hooper; Secretary, Mrs. Oscar Johnston, Omaha; Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Lincoln.

Resepectfully submitted,

A. H. PINKALL, President.

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief was presented by Pastor K. Gigstad.

MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF

Our report is in reality answers to the questions we sent to you. With the exception of the vacant congregations we received an answer from every Pastor save one. There are twelve congregations and their Pastors participating in the ULCA Contributory Pension Plan.

One congregation is enrolled but not the Pastor. Two Pastors are not enrolled because so much insurance is already being carried that to drop it to enroll would mean a loss.

One congregation started its third year in the plan and another has been in two years. One congregation pays not only its share but that of the pastor. Twenty-three congregations have not enrolled.

According to the report of the Pension Board to the ULCA Convention there are in the Nebraska Synod five retired pastors and 12 widows who receive an Annual Pension of $3,900.

The ULCA Convention revealed that there is now a Supplemental Pension Plan. In order to qualify a pastor and his congregation must be enrolled by Nov. 1st, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Klink
P. O. Anderson
Karl Gigstad
Herman Joens

The Recommendations contained in the Report of the Executive Committee were submitted for consideration.

Recommendation 1. Adopted.

Recommendation 2. Budget for 1948. A motion carried that the Budget item for the apportionment to the ULCA be doubled, thus making it 200%, the second 100% to be a Thank Offering in observance of the 30th Anniversary of the United Lutheran Church In America. (This 200% apportionment goal and Thank Offering being in harmony with the action of the Cleveland Convention).

A motion carried that the Executive Committee be instructed to include some of the present "Fixed Items" under "Apportionment" in preparing the next Budget.

A motion carried that the Budget be be adopted as amended.

BUDGET FOR 1948

(With 200 percent ULCA apportionment as indicated above.

To Include 30th Anniversary Thank Offering)

Section 1. Fixed Items.

Salaries	$ 3,250.00
Midland College ($1.05 per Communing Member)	14,287.00

Western Seminary (.25 per Communing Member)	3,402.00
President's Travel Expense	825.00
Missions	3,500.00
Beneficiary Education	500.00
Synodical Paper	750.00
General Expense Fund	400.00
Printing	300.00
Student Work	100.00
Young People's Camp	75.00
Auditor's Fees	35.00
Treasurer's Bond	10.00
Committee on Parish Life and Work	150.00
Biennial Convention of ULCA	600.00
Total	$28,184.00

Section 2. The Apportionment.

The United Lutheran Church in America	$83,806.00
Tabitha Home	7,352.00
Total	$91,158.00
Grand Total	$119,342.00

Theodore J. C. Schmidt, Sec'y.

Per Communion Member:

With 100 Percent ULCA Apportionment	5.70
With 200 percent ULCA Apportionment Thank Offering)	8.77

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1948

	100%	200%
Allen	485	745
Auburn	1995	3070
Beatrice	614	930
Benedict	553	851
Bellevue	257	395
Broadwater	445	684
Columbus	485	745
Dakota City, Emmanuel	51	79
Dakota City, Salem	952	1465
Dalton	502	772
Davenport	1283	1973
Eagle	257	395
Emerson	1590	2447
Ericson	91	140
Falls City	3146	4539
Fremont	3793	5867
Grand Island	6897	10612
Gurley	633	973
Hampton	348	535
Hardy	359	553
Hildreth	593	912
Homer	895	1377
Hooper	1573	2421
Hubbard	182	281
Leigh	1116	1650
Lewellen	285	439

Lincoln	3420	5262
McCool Junction	775	1193
Nebraska City	969	1491
North Platte	3454	5315
Omaha, First	1340	2061
Omaha, Grace	918	1412
Omaha, K. M.	13139	20215
Omaha, L. M.	1174	1807
Omaha, Redeemer	2303	3543
Omaha, St. Luke's	3420	5262
Omaha, St. Mark's	547	842
Oshkosh	257	395
Paxton	1043	1605
Ponca	1117	1729
Potter	200	307
Rising City	764	1175
Scribner	809	1245
Sidney	1203	1850
Snyder	314	482
South Sioux City	1881	2894
Spencer	262	403
Stamford	701	1079
Stella	148	228
Sutherland	91	140
Tekamah	684	1052
Vacoma	262	403
Verdon	650	1000
Walton	490	754
Wayne	1789	2754
West Point	2195	3376
Wilber	371	570
Wolbach	713	1096
York	775	1193

The Report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was presented by Pastor H. J. Goede. A motion carried that Recommendation 1 be adopted. A motion carried that Recommendation 2 be referred to the Executive Committee for further study and with authority to act.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

1. Your Committee recommends that a release be granted the St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Hildreth, Nebraska, to the Synod of the Midwest.

2. It is the opinion of two members of this Committee that the matter of sharing the Hardy Church with the Methodist Conference will not conform with the practices of the United Lutheran Church. The Committee, not being in agreement, recommends further study by the Executive Committee.

Pastor H. J. Goede
Pastor E. C. Mortensen
Pastor Paul de Freese

Minutes of this session were read and approved.

Roll was called, forty-six pastors and twenty-three lay delegates being present.

The following officers were installed by the President: Dr. C. B. Harman, Vice President; Pastor T. J. C. Schuldt, Secretary; Mr. F. E. Wood, Treasurer; Pastor R. V. Davis, Statistician; Dr. L. H. Lesher, Historian-Necrologist.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME

God has again abundantly blessed Tabitha Home and graciously guided her through her sixty-first year of service.

The "help" problem at times has been trying to the very soul of those in charge, but in these discouraging moments God has always called someone to come to the rescue and the work of serving love has gone on.

During the year 1946, Tabitha Home served 89 aged guests; 11 women and 7 men were received; 8 of our aged guests were taken by death. Our aged population at the end of the year was 70.

Fifty-three children were served during 1946. Eleven boys and girls were received and 21 were dismissed, most of whom were placed in private homes. At the end of the year we had 18 girls and 11 boys under our supervision.

One will note from the following statement of the Treasurer that the Home has had a good financial year. Income in the General Fund exceeded expenditures by a little less than $15,000. A little less than $8,000 of this was put into the Emergency and Depreciation Fund, which is being salted down for a rainy day. Part of the remainder was used in the development of our Tabitha Farm.

The Synods through the channels of apportioned benevolence contributed to Tabitha during the year, $9,574.59. The Nebraska Synod gave $5,734.56 of this amount. There was added to the Building Fund during the year, $51,784.70, making a total in that fund at the end of 1946, $213,217.42. Tabitha Home's total Assets now amount to $371,249.74.

General Fund Statement for 1946

Income Receipts:	
Operating Receipts:	
Room and Lodging	$34,632.02
Income from Investments:	
Interest and Real Estate Rental Income	325.62
Appropriations:	
(a) District Synods	9,574.59
Voluntary Contributions:	
Individual and Organizations	11,486.55

Community Chest		2,800.00
Total Income Receipts		$58,818.78
Expense:		
Administrative:		
Salaries		$20,428.46
Printing and Office Supplies		780.93
Telephone and Telegraph		386.72
Auto Expense		1,399.03
Auditing and Legal		325.00
Freight, Express and Postage		184.15
Laundry Service		1,451.13
Travel Expense		826.59
Total Administrative		$25,782.01
Fixed Charges for Plant Operation:		
Heat, Light and Gas		$3,150.09
Repairs		1,428.83
Insurance		821.94
Interest		24.00
Taxes		
Water		377.41
(a) Miscellaneous Expense		859.94
(b) House Supplies and Replacements		1,126.26
(c) Yard Improvement		34.38
Total Fixed Charges		$7,822.85
Service and Relief:		
Food		$ 8,427.07
Clothing		94.71
Medical Relief		1,481.12
(a) Funeral Expense		274.00
Total Service and Relief		$10,276.90
Total Expenses		$43,881.76
Excess of Income Receipts Over Expenditures		$14,937.02

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN BUILDING FUND

January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946

Fund Balance—January 1, 1946		$161,432.72
Additions:		
Donations for New Building and Furnishings	$20,796.27	
Bequests	19,438.40	
Interest and Dividends Received	3,743.21	
Gain on Sale of Government Bonds	3,516.19	
Transferred from General Fund	3,926.14	
Transferred from Emergency & Depreciation Fund	364.49	
		51,784.70
Fund Balance — December 31, 1946		$213,217.42

COMMITTEE ON STUDENTS IN NON-LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

The current school-year finds our United Lutheran Church in America ministering to her students on non-Lutheran campuses, en-

tirely through the STUDENT SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL. This pooling of the resources in men and money of the various bodies marks increased efficiency and general progress.

1. University of Nebraska and College of Agriculture - Lincoln

Work among students of the National Lutheran Council at the University institutions has been greatly intensified. Pastor Alvin M. Petersen has been called to full time service as University Lutheran Pastor, since August 1, 1946. Attendance at the Lutheran Student Association meetings on both campuses has increased, the enthusiasm heightened. There are about 1150 Lutherans at the University, of which 800 are affiliated with the National Lutheran Council churches. In addition to these, there are 44 Lutheran student nurses in training at Lincoln hospitals, 66 Lutherans in Business Institutes, and 28 students of Lutheran faith at Nebraska Wesleyan. This is the largest concentration of Lutheran youths in Nebraska and the largest in the history of education in Lincoln. The church dare not neglect her grave responsibilities to these future leaders of society.

All these students are contacted regularly by mail, and as far as possible they are visited personally either by the student pastor, local pastors, or leaders in the student group. Students are urged to attend regularly at the worship services of the Lutheran congregation of their choice in the city. The L. S. A. meets in two groups each Sunday for supper, fellowship, and spiritual inspiration. The City Campus group meets uses the facility of the First Lutheran Church, and the Ag Campus group uses the Student Center in the pastor's home near the Ag. College. There are Friday evening 'Interest Groups', Sunday Morning Bible Hours, and socials. An L. S. A. choir organized and is open to invitations from churches for spring concerts. Because of the large number of married students, a 'Mr. and Mrs. Club' meets twice a month for supper hour and discussion.

One urgent need is the purchase of a suitable building or the erection of one, adjacent to the city campus to serve students as a Center and 'A Home Away From Home'. Ministry to the students will always be inadquate until such a project is a reality. The Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists, have long had such centers. A center offers adequate counselling and office space, committee rooms, facilities for social and devotional meetings. Surely when our congregations, conferences, districts and synods, become aware of this urgent need, they will respond with generous gifts.

Steps are being taken to widen interest in student work in Lincoln. For many years a local directing committee has supervised student work. It is composed of the pastor and a laymen from each congregation of the National Lutheran Council churches in Lincoln. To broaden the interest of Lutherans throughout the state in their youth at school in Lincoln a Lutheran Student Foundation is being incorporated. It is being patterned after those established at other Universities where large numbers of Lutheran youth are in attend-

ance. It will seek a large membership from students, alumni, and other Lutherans. Its Board of Directors will be chosen from the State-wide Church bodies of the National Lutheran Council, from the local congregations, the alumni, the faculty, and students, and outstanding Lutherans from the Lutheran Church at large. This corporation will then be in position to hold property and receive funds for promotion of student work in a more adequate way. A representative of the Student Service Commission will be a member of the Board at all times.

The salary, house-rent, and some maintenance, is now furnished by the Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council. Most of the operating expenses beyond the above items are supplied by Nebraska Lutherans. The larger work planned will need the additional help of the Foundation now being launched. The Committee for Student work is sincerely grateful for the splendid support given its work by the Nebraska Synod and respectively petitions that the Synod continue the present grant as the minimum for the next year.

2. State Teachers College, Wayne.

The Rev. S. K. de Freese is the appointee of the Student Commission. Meetings of the L. S. A. are held twice each month on the campus at the Student Union. Their objective is spiritual inspiration through study and discussion. An annual L. S. A. banquet is one of the rallying events of the program. Miss Ruth Pearson is faculty sponsor. There are about 100 students of Lutheran faith at this school The Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt is the synodical representative of the work.

3. State Teachers College, Peru

The Rev. F. W. Henkel is in charge of this work where about 35 Lutheran students are enrolled. An LSA is maintained and during the past summer session the weekly meetings averaged 45 in attendance. Two other neighboring pastors have agreed to share this responsibility of weekly meetings with students, with Rev. Henkel. The time and energy of these pastors spent in driving the necessary miles and conducting meetings or otherwise assisting in the work deserves the sincere appreciation of the Church.

4. Omaha University

Student activity on the campus is still curtailed as far as religious bodies are concerned. However the Lutheran Ministerial Association of the city is making a united effort to gain all possible access to our Lutheran students. A Lutheran directory for general distribution to all Lutheran students is being prepared by Pastor Goede, our synodical representative, who is right on the job. It is earnestly hoped permission will be gained to carry our work to the campus.

Respectfully submitted for the committee

LELAND H. LESHER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE LUTHERAN

Your Committee on promoting subscriptions to THE LUTHERAN wishes to report that circular letters were mailed during Church

all pastors to the adequate ma-
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Respectfully submitted,
J. ERNEST MESSER.

as conducted by President J. C.

the correct record of the pro-
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g April 14, 15, 16, 1947, in Salem
, the Rev. F. W. Kern, Pastor.

ey, President.
huldt, Secretary

Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town and Congregation)	Baptized	Confirmed	
1	Allen—First	252	209	
2	Auburn—St. Paul's	783	510	
3	Beatrice—Trinity	155	128	
4	Bellevue—Immanuel	109	56	
5	Benedict—Zion	304	211	
6	Broadwater—United	172	122	
7	Columbus—United	145	99	
8	Dakota City—Emmanuel	23	21	
9	Dakota City—Salem	387	256	
10	Dalton—Trinity	181	136	
11	Davenport—Christ's	551	294	
12	Eagle—Trinity	70	75	
13	Emerson—St. Luke's	670	350	
*14	Ericson—First	47	27	
15	Falls City—St. Paul's	1008	733	
16	Fremont—Salem	1185	857	
17	Grand Island—St. Paul's	2811	1885	
18	Gurley—Grace	207	151	
19	Hampton—Emmanuel	136	96	
20	Hardy—St. Paul's	148	95	
21	Hildreth—St. Paul's	249	208	
22	Homer—St. Paul's	386	331	
23	Hooper—Grace	406	313	
24	Hubbard—Trinity	211	173	
25	Leigh—St. John's	434	283	
26	Lewellen—Grace	215	102	
27	Lincoln—Grace	1048	864	
28	McCool Junction—First	267	183	
29	Nebraska City—First	416	267	
30	North Platte—First	1300	1020	
31	Omaha—First	654	401	
32	Omaha—Grace	177	161	
33	Omaha—Kountze Memorial	6461	4747	
34	Omaha—Lasher Memorial	377	269	
35	Omaha—Redeemer	1112	698	
36	Omaha—St. Luke's	1319	903	
37	Omaha—St. Mark's	200	118	
38	Oshkosh—St. Mark's	157	110	
39	Paxton—Trinity	409	278	
40	Ponca—Salem	432	323	
*41	Potter—First	97	68	
42	Rising City—First	301	215	
43	Scribner—United	323	254	
44	Sidney—Trinity	536	288	
45	Snyder—Immanuel	116	85	
46	So. Sioux City—First	846	572	
47	Spencer—United	230	81	
48	Stamford—Trinity	181	158	
49	Stella—Trinity	70	46	
50	Sutherland—Grace	82	32	
51	Tekamah—Emmanuel	254	162	
52	Vacoma—St. John's	106	72	
53	Verdon—St. Mark's	263	202	
*54	Walton—Grace	209	172	
55	Wayne—St. Paul's	692	495	
56	West Point—Grace	652	385	
57	Wilber—First	353	175	
58	Wolbach—Trinity	400	258	
59	York—First	352	224	
1946		31638	22007	1
1945		32171	22382	1
Inc.				
Dec.		533	375	

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRA

MEMBERSHIP

Confirmed	Communing	CHILD MEMBERS: Accessions: By Baptism	By Certificate	Total	CHILD MEMBERS: Losses: Trans. by Confirmation	By Death	By Certificate	By Dism'sal	Total	ADULT MEMBERS: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	Net Loss	Accessions: By Baptism	By Confirmation	By Certificate	By Restoration	Total	Losses: By Death	By Certificate	By Dismissal	Total	Sunday Schools: Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.
209	85	9	2	11	....	....	3	....	3	8	....	2	....	4	....	6	....	7	....	7	1	13	70	....
510	350	34	3	37	8	....	2	....	10	27	....	3	17	7	....	27	1	4	....	5	1	26	150	6
128	106	5	....	5	....	....	....	34	34	....	29	5	....	14	....	17	1	2	43	46	1	7	50	....
56	45	9	6	15	3	....	10	....	13	2	....	....	3	16	....	19	....	13	3	16	1	9	75	....
211	97	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	2	....	2	3	....	....	3	1	26	93	3
122	78	4	....	4	3	....	6	30	39	....	35	1	4	3	....	8	2	15	61	78	1	5	44	....
99	85	2	6	8	1	....	....	....	1	7	....	2	2	11	....	15	....	4	....	4	1	9	45	....
21	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	4	34	6
256	167	7	....	7	3	....	....	....	3	4	....	1	4	....	....	5	3	....	1	4	1	19	76	....
136	88	5	....	5	1	....	....	....	1	4	....	4	9	3	3	19	1	6	25	32	1	7	35	....
294	225	6	1	7	6	1	6	....	13	....	6	2	10	6	....	18	1	18	33	52	1	23	150	4
75	45	2	....	2	9	....	....	20	29	....	27	....	9	6	....	15	4	2	....	6	....	....	....	....
350	279	23	1	24	16	1	4	....	21	3	....	....	....	3	....	3	2	13	192	207	1	16	95	....
27	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
733	552	16	13	29	14	....	....	12	26	3	....	3	14	47	....	64	9	12	....	21	1	24	205	....
857	669	30	33	63	17	....	3	....	20	43	....	8	30	100	3	141	7	15	2	24	1	37	424	4
1885	1210	62	3	65	24	....	6	....	30	35	....	26	65	22	....	113	6	29	3	38	1	39	329	....
151	111	2	6	8	4	....	4	2	10	....	2	1	8	15	1	25	2	12	4	18	1	12	102	10
96	61	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	3	....	....	3	4	....	....	4	1	8	45	....
95	63	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	16	175	....
208	104	5	....	5	8	1	....	....	9	....	4	....	10	....	....	10	....	3	....	3	1	4	60	....
331	157	9	....	9	9	....	....	....	9	....	....	1	9	2	....	12	2	3	....	5	2	7	60	....
313	276	20	18	38	6	....	7	74	87	....	49	3	17	32	....	52	3	16	2	21	1	12	109	....
173	32	3	....	3	5	....	....	....	5	....	2	....	8	....	2	10	....	....	....	....	1	4	20	....
283	195	8	....	8	10	....	2	....	12	....	4	2	17	1	....	20	4	3	....	7	1	11	48	....
102	50	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	11	48	....
864	600	24	14	38	8	2	14	....	24	14	....	6	19	65	....	90	6	46	10	62	1	39	270	40
183	136	5	3	8	....	....	....	....	....	8	....	....	....	13	....	13	3	5	....	8	1	....	50	....
267	170	19	....	19	2	1	....	....	3	16	....	4	7	17	....	28	2	7	....	9	1	14	100	....
1020	606	22	....	22	17	....	....	....	17	5	....	4	29	10	2	45	13	18	....	31	1	39	351	10
401	235	28	12	10	9	3	20	....	32	8	....	15	36	15	11	77	3	20	41	64	1	30	241	....
161	161	22	7	29	....	....	2	180	182	....	153	2	13	4	1	20	1	4	145	150	1	12	100	....
4747	2305	124	85	209	95	5	94	....	194	15	....	100	40	85	33	258	43	70	130	243	4	110	857	....
269	206	17	6	23	....	....	2	....	2	21	....	2	16	28	....	46	1	3	....	4	1	15	115	....
698	404	18	8	26	7	....	5	....	12	14	....	11	28	12	....	51	5	19	300	324	1	33	298	....
903	600	48	18	66	32	1	16	4	53	13	....	23	74	16	10	123	8	46	41	95	1	37	410	....
118	96	3	....	3	4	....	....	140	144	....	141	....	4	....	....	4	2	5	169	176	1	16	67	....
110	45	3	....	3	....	....	....	14	14	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	11	12	1	10	72	....
278	183	6	3	9	8	1	....	....	9	....	....	1	18	4	....	23	2	2	69	73	1	15	85	....
323	196	11	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	1	....	4	2	18	108	....
68	35	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	5	35	....
215	134	6	2	8	6	....	....	....	6	2	....	....	7	4	....	11	2	1	....	3	1	15	75	....
254	142	5	1	6	....	2	67	69	....	63	....	....	4	3	7	....	9	4	13	1	13	72	....
288	211	14	8	22	9	1	....	....	10	12	....	4	18	26	....	48	....	5	....	5	1	9	85	....
85	55	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	2	....	....	....	....
572	330	31	9	40	7	....	....	....	7	33	....	11	29	20	6	66	1	11	....	12	1	24	160	....
81	46	4	4	8	....	....	....	....	....	8	....	3	3	2	....	8	1	....	83	84	1	4	30	....
158	123	1	6	7	3	....	....	....	3	4	....	....	4	3	6	13	3	5	....	8	1	21	86	....
46	26	2	2	4	5	....	3	....	8	....	4	....	5	4	....	9	....	2	....	2	1	5	31	....
32	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	11	12	....	....	....	....
162	120	14	4	18	7	....	....	....	7	11	....	3	10	19	....	32	4	7	40	51	1	13	77	1
72	46	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	....	3	....	....	....	....
202	114	4	....	4	7	....	2	....	9	....	5	....	8	....	....	8	....	2	....	2	1	8	98	....
172	86	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	7	38	....
495	314	11	9	20	19	....	....	....	19	1	....	5	26	18	7	56	3	6	....	10	1	28	120	....
385	385	31	....	31	12	1	....	6	19	12	....	....	12	4	....	16	6	4	....	10	1	13	180	....
175	65	10	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	6	....	....	....	6	1	3	....	4	1	12	85	....
258	125	16	....	16	9	....	....	....	9	7	....	4	12	....	3	19	3	....	....	3	1	8	68	....
224	136	4	4	8	1	....	2	....	3	5	....	2	1	30	....	33	2	9	....	11	1	9	52	....
22007	13607	775	297	1072	414	18	215	583	1230	377	535	270	658	697	91	1716	177	491	1423	2091	59	931	6946	84
22382	13089	783	278	1061	407	33	209	328	977	379	295	235	651	439	150	1475	180	338	492	1010	57	944	6799	40
....	518	....	19	11	7	....	6	255	253	....	2401	35	7	258	....	241	....	153	931	1081	2	....	147	44
375	....	8	....	....	....	15	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	59	....	3	....	....	....	....	13	....	....

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Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	CONGREGATION	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	ADDRESS: COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1945	Language Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	CONFIRMED: Number of Members	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	COMMUNING: Number of Members	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
1	Allen	First	1912	State Highway No. 9	Dixon	†	Cress, F. L.	Eng.	252	7	...	209	...	1	85	...	5	1
2	Auburn	St. Paul's	1884	21st and O Sts.	Nemaha	††	Henkel, F. W.	"	783	49	...	510	22	...	350	...	2	2
3	Beatrice	Trinity	1883	9th and Elk Sts.	Gage	*	Mortensen, G. E.	"	155	...	56	128	...	27	106	...	16	3
4	Bellevue	Immanuel	1945	24th and Franklin Sts.	Sarpy	††	Anderson, P. O.	"	109	5	...	56	3	...	45	...	4	4
5	Benedict	Zion	1881	Benedict	York	†	Switzer, E. W.	"	304	2	...	211	...	1	97	...	18	5
6	Broadwater	United	1934	Broadwater	Morrill	†	Bartels, Raymond	"	172	...	105	122	...	70	73	...	1	6
7	Columbus	United	1930	Columbus	Platte	††	Shiery, John	"	145	18	...	99	11	...	85	11	...	7
8	Dakota City	Emmanuel	1858	Dakota City	Dakota	†	Vacant	"	23	...	...	21	...	...	9	...	...	8
9	Dakota City	Salem	1872	3 mi. west of Dakota City	Dakota	†	Joens, H.	"	387	5	...	256	1	...	167	38	...	9
10	Dalton	Trinity	1930	Dalton	Cheyenne	†	Bartels, Raymond	"	181	...	9	136	...	13	88	11	...	10
11	Davenport	Christ's	1892	Davenport	Thayer	†	Dumler, H.	"	551	...	40	294	...	34	225	22	...	11
12	Eagle	Trinity	1893	Eagle	Cass	†	Vacant	"	70	...	18	75	9	...	45	3	...	12
13	Emerson	St. Lukes	1911	Emerson	Dixon	‡	Pfeiffer, R. R.	"	670	...	202	350	...	204	279	...	31	13
14	Erieson	First	1898	Erieson	Wheeler	†	Vacant	"	47	...	...	27	...	...	16	...	...	14
15	Falls City	St. Paul's	1913	Falls City	Richardson	††	Cordts, H. C.	P.&G.	1008	46	...	733	43	...	552	34	...	15
16	Fremont	Salem	1902	E. Military Ave. & C St.	Dodge	*	Kern, F. W.	Eng.	1185	160	...	857	117	...	669	145	...	16
17	Grand Island	St. Paul's	1882	503 W. 2nd St.	Hall	*	Rupley, J. B.	"	2811	110	...	1885	75	...	1210	...	30	17
18	Gurley	Grace	1916	Gurley	Cheyenne	†	Bartels, Raymond	"	97	5	...	151	7	...	111	30	...	18
19	Hampton	Emmanuel	1916	Hampton	Hamilton	†	Vacant	"	136	2	...	96	...	1	61	9	...	19
20	Hardy	St. Paul's	1881	Hardy	Nuckolls	†	Gleim, H.	"	148	...	...	95	...	...	63	...	...	20
21	Hildreth	St. Paul's	1927	Hildreth	Franklin	†	Duis, A. J	"	249	3	...	208	7	...	104	13	...	21
22	Homer	St. Paul's	1886	Homer	Dakota	†	Joens, H.	"	386	7	...	331	7	...	157	100	...	22
23	Hooper	Grace	1915	Hooper	Dodge	‡	de Freese, Paul	"	406	...	18	313	31	...	276	27	...	23
24	Hubbard	Trinity	1905	Hubbard	Dakota	†	Joens, H.	"	211	8	...	173	10	...	32	...	13	24
25	Leigh	St. John's	1918	Leigh	Colfax	‡	Gigstad, Karl	E.&G.	434	9	...	283	13	...	195	11	...	25
26	Lewellen	Grace	1906	Lewellen	Garden	‡	Heidenreich, W. C.	Eng.	215	2	...	102	...	...	50	...	6	26
27	Lincoln	Grace	1890	14th and F Sts.	Lancaster	**	Lesher, L. H.	"	1048	42	...	864	28	...	600	21	...	27
28	McCool Junction	First	1900	McCool Junction	York	†	Rupley, J. B., Jr.	"	267	13	...	183	5	...	136	...	8	28
29	Nebraska City	First	1866	3rd Corso and 9th St.	Otoe	†	Davis, R. V.	"	416	35	...	267	19	...	170	...	5	29
30	North Platte	First	1880	5th and Sycamore	Lincoln	*	Rubrecht, G. K.	"	1300	19	...	1020	14	...	606	20	...	30
31	Omaha	First	1907	2547 N. 62nd St.	Douglas	‡‡	Young, A. W.	"	654	21	...	401	13	...	235	5	...	31
32	Omaha	Grace	1889	1326 S. 26th St.	Douglas	‡‡	Goede, H. J.	"	177	...	283	161	...	130	161	...	17	32
33	Omaha	Kountze Memorial	1858	2606 Farnam St.	Douglas	‡‡	Traub, W. H.	"	6461	30	...	4747	15	...	2305	...	60	33
34	Omaha	Luther Memorial	1936	53rd and Seward Sts.	Douglas	‡‡	Most, W. F.	"	377	63	...	269	42	...	206	30	...	34
35	Omaha	Redeemer	1917	24th and Larimore Sts.	Douglas	‡‡	Geischen, G.	"	1112	...	259	698	...	273	404	15	...	35
36	Omaha	St. Luke's	1905	24th and I Sts.	Douglas	‡‡	Pinkall, A. H.	"	1319	41	...	903	28	...	600	38	...	36
37	Omaha	St. Mark's	1886	20th and Burdette Sts.	Douglas	‡†	Goede, H. J.	"	200	...	313	118	...	172	96	...	11	37
38	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1906	Oshkosh	Garden	‡	Heidenreich, W. C.	"	157	...	23	110	...	12	45	...	6	38
39	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Paxton	Keith	‡	Mortensen, E. C.	"	409	...	50	278	...	50	183	53	...	39
40	Ponca	Salem	1866	Ponca	Dixon	‡	Petersen, Erich C.	"	432	7	...	323	...	4	196	...	25	40
*41	Potter	First	1892	Potter	Cheyenne	†	Gier, W.	"	97	...	...	68	...	...	35	...	...	41
42	Rising City	First	1881	Rising City	Butler	†	Shirek, Robert	"	301	10	...	215	8	...	134	7	...	42
43	Scribner	United	1935	Scribner	Dodge	‡	Jacobs, John	"	323	...	69	254	...	6	142	...	28	43
44	Sidney	Trinity	1886	10th Ave. and Lincoln St.	Cheyenne	†	Monnich, Henry	"	536	55	...	288	43	...	211	87	...	44
45	Snyder	Immanuel	1899	Snyder	Dodge	‡	Jacobs, John (Supply)	"	116	...	2	85	...	2	55	2	...	45
46	So. Sioux City	First	1920	21st and A Sts.	Dakota	††	Messer, J. E.	"	846	87	...	572	54	...	330	2	...	46
47	Spencer	United	1930	Spencer	Boyd	‡	Vacant	"	230	...	68	81	...	76	46	...	22	47
48	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Stamford	Harlan	†	Olson, Carl	"	181	9	...	158	5	...	123	2	...	48
49	Stella	Trinity	1884	Stella	Richardson	†	Miller, J. C.	"	70	3	...	46	7	...	28	2	...	49
50	Sutherland	Grace	1902	Sutherland	Lincoln	‡	Mortensen, E. C.	"	82	...	12	32	...	12	16	...	...	50
51	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1858	12th and L Sts.	Burt	†	Wiegman, P.	"	254	...	8	162	...	19	120	...	...	51
52	Vacoma	St. John's	1893	11 miles east of Hooper	Washington	†	Wiegman, P.	"	106	...	...	72	...	3	46	...	4	52
53	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	3½ mi. southwest of Verdon	Richardson	†	Miller, J. C.	"	263	1	...	202	6	...	114	25	...	53
54	Walton	Grace	1916	Walton	Lancaster	†	Vacant	"	209	...	...	172	...	...	86	...	...	54
55	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	Wayne	Wayne	††	Schuldt, T. J. C.	"	692	47	...	495	46	...	314	21	...	55
56	West Point	Grace	1874	West Point	Cuming	††	Klunk, W. A.	"	652	18	...	385	6	...	385	6	...	56
57	Wilber	First	1889	Wilbur	Saline	‡	Shirek, John	"	353	12	...	175	2	...	65	...	3	57
58	Wolbach	Trinity	1903	Wolbach	Greeley	†	Harman, C. B. (Supply)	"	400	23	...	258	16	...	125	25	...	58
59	York	First	1927	8th St. and Grant Ave.	York	††	Rupley, J. B. Jr.	"	359	27	...	224	22	...	136	18	...	59
									31638	1001	1535	22007	735	1110	13607	833	315	'46
									32171	964	416	22382	699	234	13089	606	330	'45
									533	...	...	375	...	...	518	...	...	
											Decrease						Increase	

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† Under 500
‡ 500 to 2,499
†† 2,500 to 9,999
* 10,000 to 24,999
** 25,000 to 99,999
‡‡ 100,000 or over

*Figures taken from a previous report no new report having been received

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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS								FINANCIAL							Congregational Expenses			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE									Index Number
	Men's		Women's		Mixed		Y'g People		VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY										UNAPPORTIONED						APPORTIONED				
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Mission	American Mission	Social Mission	Other Benevolence	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditure	
1	1	24	3	140	....	....	....	....	15000	4000	.....	.....	.....	19000	.....	2410	376	2786	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	35	479	176.00	211.00	2997.00	1
2	1	29	1	50	1	18	2	20	29000	5000	.....	.....	12000	46000	.....	6708	4328	11036	575	369	143	1249	1376	3712	1649	1649.00	5361.00	16397.00	2
3	....	....	3	35	....	....	1	16	29000	6000	.....	.....	.....	35000	.....	2314	2537	4851	365	.....	.....	.....	136	501	631	379.00	880.00	5731.00	3
4	....	....	1	15	....	....	1	15	3500	4800	.....	.....	.....	8300	6450	881	288	1169	.....	.....	14	.....	129	143	300	55.00	198.00	1367.00	4
5	1	22	3	83	....	....	....	....	12000	5000	.....	.....	5920	22920	.....	1651	2957	4608	241	84	.....	1151	720	2196	533	668.00	2864.00	7472.00	5
6	....	....	1	21	....	....	1	20	700	2500	.....	.....	1272	4472	874	1681	321	2002	50	.....	.....	87	115	252	403	403.00	655.00	2657.00	6
7	1	15	2	34	....	....	2	28	7500	4000	.....	.....	.....	11500	.....	2057	143	2200	25	.....	9	67	359	460	352	343.00	803.00	3003.00	7
8	....	....	2	25	....	....	....	....	6500	.....	.....	.....	1373	7873	.....	75	.....	75	.....	19	14	5	28	66	31	15.00	81.00	156.00	8
9	1	8	2	65	....	....	....	....	15000	2500	.....	.....	.....	17500	.....	1966	479	2445	607	.....	.....	.....	145	752	677	438.18	1190.18	3635.18	9
10	....	....	1	34	....	....	1	6	2500	.....	.....	.....	3013	5513	.....	1647	1600	3247	271	.....	.....	10	4	285	470	527.00	812.00	4059.00	10
11	1	30	2	90	....	....	1	10	25000	6000	.....	.....	.....	31000	.....	3198	.....	3198	1025	128	.....	150	123	1426	1230	1290.00	2716.00	5914.00	11
12	....	....	1	24	....	....	....	....	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	2000	.....	400	.....	406	.....	.....	.....	138	.....	138	217	85.00	223.00	629.00	12
13	1	15	1	84	....	....	1	15	25000	5000	.....	.....	.....	30000	.....	2880	397	3277	587	85	.....	323	1397	2392	1375	1005.00	3397.00	6674.00	13
*14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1200	.....	.....	.....	.....	1200	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	.....	.....	.....	14
15	....	....	3	115	....	....	1	28	20000	6000	.....	.....	.....	26000	.....	3954	.....	3954	.....	.....	.....	.....	406	406	2616	1638.00	2043.00	5997.00	15
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